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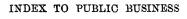
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	and 5 Aug.	85	1 July 1880.
	1853.	86	20 Feb. 1872.
78	14 Apr. 1842	87	20 Feb. 1872.
	and 5 Aug.	88	5 Feb. 1845.
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# PART I.

STANDING ORDERS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC BUSINESS.

# STANDING ORDERS

1912.

### PART I.

# STANDING ORDERS RELATIVE TO PUBLIC BUSINESS.

### Sittings of the House.

- 1.—(1.) Unless the house otherwise order, Sittings of the house shall meet every Monday, Tuesday, the house. Wednesday, and Thursday at a quarter to three of the clock.
- (2.) At half-past eleven of the clock the speaker shall adjourn the house without question put, unless a bill originating in committee of ways and means, or unless proceedings made in pursuance of any act of parliament or standing order, or otherwise exempted as hereinafter provided from the operation of this standing order, be then under consideration.
- (3.) At eleven of the clock on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, except

as aforesaid, and at five of the clock on Fridays, the proceedings on any business then under consideration shall be interrupted; and, if the house be in committee, the chairman shall leave the chair, and make his report to the house; and if a motion has been proposed for the adjournment of the house, or of the debate, or in committee that the chairman do report progress, or do leave the chair, every such dilatory motion shall lapse without question put.

- (4.) Provided always, that on the interruption of business the closure may be moved; and if moved, or if proceedings under the closure rule be then in progress, the speaker or chairman shall not leave the chair until the questions consequent thereon and on any further motion, as provided in the rule "closure of debate," have been decided.
- (5.) After the business under consideration at eleven and five, respectively, has been disposed of, no opposed business shall be taken.
- (6.) All business appointed for any sitting, and not disposed of before the termination of the sitting, shall stand over until the next sitting, or until such other sitting on any day on which the house ordinarily sits as the member in charge of the business may appoint.
- (7.) A motion may be made by a minister of the crown at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate,

to the following effect: "That the proceedings on any specified business, if under discussion at eleven this night, be not interrupted under the standing order 'sittings of the house,'" or to the following effect: That the proceedings on any specified business, if under discussion when the business is postponed, be resumed and proceeded with, though opposed, after the interruption of business.

- (8.) Provided always, that after any business exempted from the operation of this order is disposed of, the remaining business of the sitting shall be dealt with according to the provisions applicable to business taken after eleven o'clock.
- (9.) Provided also that the chairman or deputy-chairman of ways and means do take the chair as deputy-speaker, when requested so to do by Mr. Speaker, without any formal communication to the house; and that Mr. Speaker shall nominate, at the commencement of every session, a panel of not more than five members to act as temporary chairmen of committees. when requested by the chairman of ways and means.
- 2. The house shall meet every Friday, at Duration twelve o'clock at noon, for private business, sittings. petitions, orders of the day, and notices of motions, and shall continue to sit until halfpast five o'clock, unless previously adjourned. 3. When

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3. When such business has been disposed of, day sittings, or at half-past five o'clock precisely, notwithstanding there may be business under discussion, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the house without putting any question.

### Arrangement of Public Business.

Precedence of business at different sittings.

- 4. Unless the house otherwise direct—
  - (a) Government business shall have precedence at every sitting except after a quarter-past eight on Tuesday and Wednesday and the sitting on Friday;
  - (b) After a quarter-past eight on Tuesday and Wednesday notices of motion and public bills, other than government bills, shall have precedence of government business, and any government business then under consideration shall, without question put, be postponed until the business having precedence of it is disposed of;
  - (c) After Easter government business shall have precedence during the whole of Tuesday:
  - (d) After Whitsuntide, until Michaelmas, government business shall have precedence at all sittings, except the sittings on the third and fourth Fridays after Whit Sunday:

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- (e) After a quarter-past eight, when government business has not precedence notices of motion shall have precedence of the orders of the day:
- (f) At the sittings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the house will first proceed with petitions, motions for unopposed returns, and leave of absence to members, giving notices of motions, and unopposed private business.
- 5. On days on which government business Arrangehas priority, the government may arrange government such government business, whether orders of business. the day or notices of motions, in such order as they may think fit.
- 6. After Whitsuntide, public bills, other Precedence than government bills, shall be arranged on the whitsunorder book so as to give priority to the bills tide. most advanced, and lords' amendments to public bills appointed to be considered shall be placed first, to be followed by third readings, considerations of report, bills in progress in committee. bills appointed for committee, and second readings.
- 7. No notice shall be given beyond the Period for period which shall include the four days next which notices of following on which notices are entitled to pre- motion may be given. cedence; due allowance being made for any intervening adjournment of the house, and the period being in that case so far extended as to

include four notice days falling during the sitting of the house.

#### Private Business.

Time for taking private business.

- 8.—(1.) No opposed private business shall be set down for the sittings on Friday, or for a quarter-past eight on Wednesday between Easter and Whitsuntide.
- (2.) All private business which is set down for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, and is not disposed of by three of the clock shall, without question put, be postponed until such time as the chairman of ways and means may determine.
- (3.) Provided that such private business shall always be taken at a quarter-past eight on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, or as soon thereafter as any motion for the adjournment of the house standing over has been disposed of, and that such postponed business shall be distributed as near as may be proportionately between the sittings on which government business has precedence and the other sittings.
- (4.) No opposed private business other than that then under consideration shall be taken after half-past nine of the clock.
- (5.) Unopposed private business shall have precedence of opposed private business.
  - 9.—(1.) Notices

#### Questions.

- 9.—(1.) Notices of questions shall be given questions by members in writing to the clerk at the table without reading them *vivâ* voce in the house, unless the consent of the speaker to any particular question has been previously obtained.
- (2.) Questions shall be taken on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, after private business has been disposed of, and not later than three of the clock.
- (3.) No questions shall be taken after a quarter before four of the clock, except questions which have not been answered in consequence of the absence of the minister to whom they are addressed, and questions which have not appeared on the paper, but which are of an urgent character, and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business.
- (4.) Any member who desires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an asterisk, but notice of any such question must appear at latest on the notice paper circulated on the day before that on which an answer is desired.
- (5.) If any member does not distinguish his question by an asterisk, or if he or any other member deputed by him is not present to ask it, or if it is not reached by a quarter before four of the clock, the minister to whom it is addressed shall cause an answer to be printed and circulated with the votes, unless the member has signified his desire to postpone the question.

### Adjournment on Matter of Public Importance.

Motion for adjournment on matter of urgent public import. ance.

10. No motion for the adjournment of the house shall be made until all the questions asked at the commencement of business on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday have been disposed of, and no such motion shall be made before the orders of the day or notices of motion have been entered upon, except by leave of the house, unless a member rising in his place shall propose to move the adjournment for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, and not less than forty members shall thereupon rise in their places to support the motion, or unless, if fewer than forty members and not less than ten shall thereupon rise in their places, the house shall, on a division, upon question put forthwith, determine whether such motion shall be made. If the motion is so supported, or the house so determines that it shall be made, it shall stand over until a quarter-past eight on the same day.

Bringing in Bills and Nominating Select Committees at Commencement of Public Business.

Motions for leave to and nominacommittees at commencement of public business.

11. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and, if bring in bills set down by the government, on Mondays and and nomina-tion of select Thursdays, motions for leave to bring in bills. and for the nomination of select committees, may be set down for consideration at the commencement

mencement of public business. If such motions be opposed, Mr. Speaker, after permitting, if he thinks fit, a brief explanatory statement from the member who moves and from the member who opposes any such motion respectively, may, without further debate, put the question thereon, or the question, that the debate be now adjourned.

### Orders of the Day.

- 12. At the time fixed for the commencement orders of day to be of public business, on days on which orders have day to be read with precedence of notices of motions, and after the out question put. notices of motions have been disposed of, on all other days, Mr. Speaker shall direct the clerk at the table to read the orders of the day, without any question being put.
- 13. The orders of the day shall be disposed order of of in the order in which they stand upon the disposing of paper; the right being reserved to His Majesty's day. ministers of placing government orders or motions at the head of the list, in the rotation in which they are to be taken on the days on which government bills have precedence.

### Supply and Ways and Means.

14. This house will, in future, appoint the Appoint committees of supply and ways and means at the committees. commencement of every session, so soon as an address has been agreed to, in answer to His Majesty's speech.

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Business of supply.

- 15.—(1.) As soon as the committee of supply has been appointed and estimates have been presented, the business of supply shall, until disposed of, be the first order of the day on Thursday, unless the house otherwise order on the motion of a minister of the crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.
- (2.) Not more than twenty days, being days before the 5th of August, shall be allotted for the consideration of the annual estimates for the army, navy, and civil services, including votes on account. The days allotted shall not include any day on which the question has to be put that the speaker do leave the chair, or any day on which the business of supply does not stand as first order.
- (3.) Provided that the days occupied by the consideration of estimates supplementary to those of a previous session or of any vote of credit, or of votes for supplementary or additional estimates presented by the government for war expenditure, or for any new service not included in the ordinary estimates for the year, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days aforesaid.
- (4.) Provided also that on motion made after notice, to be decided without amendment or debate, additional time, not exceeding three days, may be allotted for the purposes aforesaid, either before or after the 5th of August.

- (5.) On a day so allotted, no business other than the business of supply shall be taken before eleven, and no business in committee or proceedings on report of supply shall be taken after eleven, whether a general order exempting business from interruption under the standing order (sittings of the house) is in force or not, unless the house otherwise order on the motion of a minister of the Crown, moved at the commencement of public business, to be decided without amendment or debate.
- (6.) Of the days so allotted, not more than one day in committee shall be allotted to any vote on account, and not more than one sitting to the report of that vote. At eleven on the close of the day on which the committee on that vote is taken, and at the close of the sitting on which the report of that vote is taken, the chairman of committees or the speaker, as the case may be, shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote or the report.
- (7.) At ten of the clock on the last day but one of the days so allotted the chairman shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the vote then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put the question with respect to each class of the civil service estimates that the total amount of the votes outstanding in that class be granted for the services defined in the class, and shall in like manner put severally the questions that the total amounts of the votes outstanding in the estimates for the navy, the army, and the

revenue departments be granted for the services defined in those estimates.

- (8.) At ten of the clock on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth, of the allotted days, the speaker shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the report of the resolution then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put, with respect to each class of the civil service estimates, the question, that the house doth agree with the committee in all the outstanding resolutions reported in respect of that class, and shall then put a like question with respect to all the resolutions outstanding in the estimates for the navy, the army, the revenue departments, and other outstanding resolutions severally.
- (9.) On the days appointed for concluding the business of supply, the consideration of that business shall not be anticipated by a motion of adjournment, and no dilatory motion shall be moved on proceedings for that business and the business shall not be interrupted under any standing order.
- (10.) Any additional estimate for any new matter not included in the original estimates for the year shall be submitted for consideration in the committee of supply on some day not later than two days before the committee is closed.
- (11.) For the purposes of this order two Fridays shall be deemed equivalent to a single sitting on any other day.

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- 16. The committees of supply and ways Days for and means shall be fixed for Monday, Wednes-of supply day, and Thursday, and may also be appointed and means for any other day on which the house shall meet for despatch of business.
- 17. Whenever the committee of supply When chair stands as an order of the day, Mr. Speaker without. shall leave the chair without putting any quesquestion, unless on first going into supply on the army, navy, or civil service estimates respectively, or on any vote of credit, an amendment be moved, or question raised, relating to the estimates proposed to be taken in supply.

#### Order in the House.

18.—(1.) Whenever any member shall have order in been named by the speaker, or by the chairman of a committee of the whole house, immediately after the commission of the offence of disregarding the authority of the chair, or of abusing the rules of the house by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business of the house, or otherwise, then, if the offence has been committed by such member in the house, the speaker shall forthwith put the question, on a motion being made, no amendment, adjournment, or debate being allowed, "That such member be suspended from the service of the house;" and, if the offence has been committed in a committee of the whole house,

the chairman shall forthwith suspend the proceedings of the committee and report the circumstance to the house; and the speaker shall on a motion being made thereupon put the same question, without amendment, adjournment, or debate, as if the offence had been committed in the house itself.

- (2.) If any member be suspended under this order, his suspension on the first occasion shall continue-for-one-week, on-the-second occasion-for-a-fortnight, and on-the-third or-any-subsequent-occasion, for-a-month.
- (3.) Provided always, that suspension from the service of the house shall not exempt the member so suspended from serving on any committee for the consideration of a private bill to which he may have been appointed before his suspension.
- (4.) Provided also, that not more than one member shall be named at the same time, unless several members, present together, have jointly disregarded the authority of the chair.
- (5.) Provided also, that if any member, or members acting jointly, who have been suspended under this order from the service of the house, shall refuse to obey the direction of the speaker, when severally summoned under the speaker's orders by the serjeant-at-arms to obey such direction, the speaker shall call the attention of the house to the fact that recourse

to force is necessary in order to compel obedience to his direction, and the member or members named by him as having refused to obey his direction shall thereupon and without further question put, be suspended from the service of the house during the remainder of the session.

(6.) Provided always, that nothing in this resolution shall be taken to deprive the house of the power of proceeding against any member according to ancient usages.

> Note.—The words printed in erased type were struck out on the 13th February 1902, but the proceedings on the amendment of the standing order were not resumed after the 17th February 1902.

- 19. Mr. Speaker or the chairman, after Irrelevance having called the attention of the house, or tion. of the committee, to the conduct of a member, who persists in irrelevance, or tedious repetition either of his own arguments, or of the arguments used by other members in debate, may direct him to discontinue his speech.
- 20.—(1.) Mr. Speaker or the chairman shall Disorderly order members whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the house during the remainder of that day's sitting; and the serjeant-at-arms shall act on such orders as he may receive from the chair in pursuance of this resolution. But if, on any

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occasion, Mr. Speaker or the chairman deems. that his powers under this standing order are inadequate, he may name such member or members in pursuance of the standing order "Order in debate," or he may call upon the house to adjudge upon the conduct of such member or members.

(2.) Provided always, that members who are ordered to withdraw under this standing order, or who are suspended from the service of the house under the standing order "Order in debate," shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the house, subject, however, in the case of such suspended members, to the proviso in that standing order regarding their service on private bill committees.

Power of speaker to adjourn house or suspend sitting. 21. In the case of grave disorder arising in the house the speaker may, if he thinks it necessary to do so, adjourn the house without question put, or suspend any sitting for a time to be named by him.

## Adjournment and Counting Out.

Debate on motion for adjournment. 22. When a motion is made for the adjournment of a debate, or of the house during any debate, or that the chairman of a committee do report progress, or do leave the chair, the debate thereupon shall be confined to the matter of such motion; and no member, having moved or seconded any such motion, shall be entitled to move, or second, any similar motion during the same debate.

- 23. If Mr. Speaker, or the chairman of a Dilatory committee of the whole house, shall be of abuse of opinion that a motion for the adjournment rules of a debate, or of the house, during any debate, or that the chairman do report progress, or do leave the chair, is an abuse of the rules of the house, he may forthwith put the question thereupon from the chair, or he may decline to propose the question thereupon to the house.
- 24. While the committees of supply and Adjournmays and means are open, the house, when it ment from meets on Friday, shall, at its rising, stand ad-Monday. journed until the following Monday, without any question being put, unless the house shall otherwise resolve.
- 25. The house shall not be counted between Counting a quarter-past eight and a quarter-past nine out. o'clock, but if on a division taken on any business between a quarter-past eight and a quarter-past nine o'clock it appears that forty members are not present, the business shall stand over until the next sitting of the house, and the next business shall be taken.

#### Closure of Debate.

26.—(1.) After a question has been proposed Closure of a member rising in his place may claim to move, "That the question be now put," and, unless it shall appear to the chair that such motion is an abuse of the rules of the house, or an infringement of the rights of the minority, the question, "That the question be now put," shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

(2.) When the motion "That the question be now put" has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be made (the assent of the chair, as aforesaid, not having been withheld) which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the chair; and also if a clause be then under consideration, a motion may be made (the assent of the chair, as aforesaid, not having been withheld), that the question, that certain words of the clause defined in the motion stand part of the clause, or

that the clause stand part of, or be added to, the bill, be now put. Such motions shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

(3.) A motion may be made (the assent of the chair, as aforesaid, not having been withheld) that, with respect to certain words in a motion, clause, or schedule under debate defined in the motion, the chair be empowered to select the amendments to be proposed. Such a motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. If the motion is carried the chair shall then and thereafter exercise the power of selecting the amendments to be proposed on the words so defined. The chair may, if the chair thinks fit, ask any member who has given notice of an amendment to give such explanation of the object of the amendment as may enable the chair to form a judgment upon it. Provided that the power of selection shall not be exercised by the chairman of a standing committee.

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- (4.) Provided always, that this rule shall be put in force only when the speaker or the chairman of ways and means or deputy chairman is in the chair.
- 27. Questions for the closure of debate Majority for or selection of amendments under standing order "Closure of debate" shall be decided in the affirmative, if, when a division be taken, it appears by the numbers declared from the chair, that not less than one hundred members voted in the majority in support of the motion.

#### Divisions.

- 28.—(1.) If the opinion of the speaker or Procedure chairman as to the decision of a question is on divisions, challenged he shall direct that the lobby be cleared.
- (2.) After the lapse of two minutes from this direction he shall put the question again, and, if his opinion is again challenged, he shall nominate tellers.
- (3.) After the lapse of six minutes from this direction he shall direct that the doors giving access to the division lobbies be locked.
- 29.—(1.) A member may vote in a division voting of although he did not hear the question put.
  - (2.) A member is not obliged to vote.
- 30. Mr. Speaker or the chairman may, Division after the lapse of two minutes as indicated by claimed, the sand-glass, if in his opinion the division is frivolously or vexatiously claimed, take the vote of the house, or committee, by calling upon the

members who support, and who challenge, his decision, successively to rise in their places; and he shall thereupon, as he thinks fit, either declare the determination of the house or committee, or name tellers for a division. And, in case there is no division, the speaker or chairman shall declare to the house or the committee the number of the minority who had challenged his decision, and their names shall be thereupon taken down in the house, and printed with the lists of divisions.

#### Public Bills.

Presentation or introduction and first reading.

- 31.—(1.) When any bill shall be presented by a member, in pursuance of an order of this house, or shall be brought from the Lords, the questions "That this bill be now read a first time," and "That this bill be printed," shall be decided without amendment or debate.
- (2.) A member may, if he thinks fit, after notice, present a bill without an order of the house for its introduction; and when a bill is so presented, the title of the bill shall be read by the clerk at the table, and the bill shall then be deemed to have been read a first time, and shall be printed.

Procedure on reading order for committee. 32. When a bill or other matter (except supply or ways and means) has been partly considered in committee, and the chairman has been directed to report progress, and ask leave to sit again, and the house shall have ordered that the committee shall sit again on a particular day, the speaker shall, when the order for

the committee has been read, forthwith leave the chair without putting any question, and the house shall thereupon resolve itself into such committee.

33. Bills which may be fixed for considera- Reference tion in committee on the same day, whether in together to progress or otherwise, may be referred together committee. to a committee of the whole house, which may consider on the same day all the bills so referred to it, without the chairman leaving the chair on each separate bill; provided that, with respect to any bill not in progress, if any member shall object to its consideration in committee, together with other bills, the order of the day for the committee on such bill shall be postponed.

34. It shall be an instruction to all com-Amendmittees of the whole house to which bills may be committee. committed, that they have power to make such amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided they be relevant to the subject-matter of the bill; but that if any such amendments shall not be within the title of the bill, they do amend the title accordingly, and do report the same specially to the house.

35. In committee on a bill, the preamble Postponeshall stand postponed until after the considera-preamble. tion of the clauses, without question put.

36. The questions for reading a bill a first Discontinuance of first and second time in a committee of the whole and second reading stages in committee. house shall be discontinued.

37. In going through a bill no questions Question shall be put for the filling up words already put on

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printed in italics, and commonly called blanks, unless exception be taken thereto; and if no . alterations have been made in the words so printed in italics, the bill shall be reported without amendments, unless other amendments have been made thereto.

Procedure on offer of new clause.

38. On a clause being offered in the committee on the bill, or on the consideration of report of a bill, Mr. Speaker or the chairman shall desire the member to bring up the same, whereupon it shall be read a first time without question put, but no clause shall be offered on consideration of report without notice.

Report of bill.

39. At the close of the proceedings of a committee of the whole house on a bill, the chairman shall report the bill forthwith to the house, and when amendments shall have been made thereto, the same shall be received, without debate, and a time appointed for taking the same into consideration.

Consideration of bill

40. When the order of the day for the as amended. consideration of a bill, as amended in the committee of the whole house, has been read, the house shall proceed to consider the same without question put, unless the member in charge thereof shall desire to postpone its consideration, or a motion shall be made to re-commit the bill.

Amendments on report.

41. Upon the report stage of any bill no amendment may be proposed which could not have been proposed in committee without an instruction from the house.

- **42.** No amendments, not being merely Amendverbal, shall be made to any bill on the third third reading.
- 43. Lords' amendments to public bills Lords' shall be appointed to be considered on a future ments. day, unless the house shall order them to be considered forthwith.
- 44. With respect to any bill brought to Pecuniary this house from the House of Lords, or returned by the House of Lords to this house, with amendments, whereby any pecuniary penalty, forfeiture, or fee shall be authorized, imposed, appropriated, regulated, varied, or extinguished, this house will not insist on its ancient and undoubted privileges in the following cases:—
  - 1. When the object of such pecuniary penalty or forfeiture is to secure the execution of the act, or the punishment or prevention of offences.
  - 2. Where such fees are imposed in respect of benefit taken or service rendered under the act, and in order to the execution of the act, and are not made payable into the treasury or exchequer, or in aid of the public revenue, and do not form the ground of public accounting by the parties receiving the same, either in respect of deficit or surplus.
  - 3. When such bill shall be a private bill for a local or personal act.
- **45.** The precise duration of every temporary Temporary law shall be expressed in a distinct clause at laws. the end of the bill.

#### Standing Committees.

Committal of hills.

- 46.—(1.) When a bill has been read a second time it shall stand committed to one of the standing committees, unless the house, on motion to be decided without amendment or debate, otherwise order; and such a motion shall not require notice, must be made immediately after the bill is read a second time, may be made by any member, and may, though opposed, be decided after the expiration of the time for opposed business. But this order shall not apply to—
  - (a) Bills for imposing taxes or Consolidated Fund or Appropriation Bills; or
  - (b) Bills for confirming Provisional Orders.
- (2.) Provided that the house may, on motion made by the member in charge of a bill, commit the bill to a standing committee in respect of some of its provisions, and to a committee of the whole house in respect of other provisions, and that if such a motion is opposed the speaker, after permitting, if he thinks fit, a brief explanatory statement from the member who makes and from the member who opposes the motion, shall without further debate put the question thereon.
- (3.) Where a bill has been committed to a standing committee, or has been so committed in respect of any provision, then, at the report stage of the bill or provision, the rule against speaking more than once shall not apply to the member in charge of the bill or to the mover of any amendment or new clause in respect of that amendment or clause.

47.—(1.) Four standing committees shall Constitution be appointed for the consideration of all bills committees. committed to them; and the procedure in such committees shall be the same as in a select committee, unless the house shall otherwise order: provided that strangers shall be admitted, except when the committee shall order them to withdraw: and the said committees shall not sit, whilst the house is sitting, except in pursuance of a resolution of the committee, moved by the member in charge of the bill before the committee, and decided without amendment or debate, and shall not sit after four p.m., without the order of the house: provided also, that any notice of amendment to any clause in a bill which may be committed to a standing committee, given by any honourable member in the house, shall stand referred to such committee: provided also, that twenty be the quorum of such standing committees.

(2.) One of the standing committees shall be appointed for the consideration of all public bills relating exclusively to Scotland and committed to a standing committee, and shall consist of all the members representing Scottish constituencies, together with not more than fifteen other members to be nominated in respect of any bill by the committee of selection, who shall have regard in such nomination to the approximation of the balance of parties in the committee to that in the whole house, and shall have power from time to time

to discharge, for non-attendance or at their own request, the members so nominated by them, and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged.

- (3.) Subject as aforesaid the bills committed to a standing committee shall be distributed among the committees by Mr. Speaker.
- (4.) In all but one of the standing committees government bills shall have precedence.
- (5.) Standing order 19 (as to irrelevance and repetition) and standing orders 26 and 27 (as to closure) shall apply to standing committees, with the substitution in standing order 26 of the chairman of the committee for the chairman of ways and means, and, in standing order 27 of 20 for 100 as the number necessary to render the majority effective for the closure, and the chairman of a standing committee shall have the like powers as the chairman of a committee of the whole house has under standing order 23 (as to dilatory motions).

Nomination of standing

48. Each of the said standing committees Committees shall consist of not less than sixty nor more than eighty members, to be nominated by the committee of selection, who shall have regard to the classes of bills committed to such committees, to the composition of the house. and to the qualifications of the members selected; and shall have power to discharge members from time to time, for non-attendance or at their own request, and to appoint others

in substitution for those discharged. Provided that, for the consideration of all public bills relating exclusively to Wales and Monmouthshire, the committee shall be so constituted as to comprise all members sitting for constituencies in Wales and Monmouthshire. The committee of selection shall also have power to add not more than fifteen members to a standing committee in respect of any bill referred to it, to serve on the committee during the consideration of such bill. Provided that this order shall not apply to the standing committee on Scottish bills.

49. The committee of selection shall Chairmen nominate a chairmen's panel to consist of not committees. less than four nor more than eight members, of whom three shall be a quorum; and the chairmen's panel shall appoint from among themselves the chairman of each standing committee, and may change the chairman so appointed from time to time.

50. All bills which shall have been Report of committed to one of the said standing committed to 50. All bills which shall mittees shall, when reported to the house, be standing committees. proceeded with as if they had been reported from a committee of the whole house: Provided only, that all bills reported from a standing committee, whether amended or not, shall be considered on report by the house without question put, unless the member in charge thereof desire to postpone its consideration, or a motion be made to re-commit the hill.

#### Committees of the whole House.

When speaker leaves chair without, question put.

51. Whenever an order of the day is read for the house to resolve itself into committee (not being a committee to consider a message from the crown, or the committee of supply, or the committee on the East India revenue accounts), Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any question, and the house shall thereupon resolve itself into such committee, unless notice of an instruction thereto has been given, when such instruction shall be first disposed of.

When chairman of committee leaves chair without question put. **52.** When the chairman of a committee has been ordered to make a report to the house, he shall leave the chair without question put.

Report to be brought up without question put. 53. Every report from a committee of the whole house shall be brought up without any question being put.

#### Select Committees.

Sittings.

54. All committees shall have leave to sit, except while the house is at prayers, during the sitting, and notwithstanding any adjournment of the house.

Number.

55. No select committee shall, without leave of the house, consist of more than fifteen members; such leave shall not be moved for without notice; and in the case of members proposed to be added or substituted, after the first appointment of the committee, the notice shall

shall include the names of the members proposed to be added or substituted.

- 56. Every member intending to move for Consent of the appointment of a select committee shall endeavour to ascertain previously whether each member proposed to be named by him on such committee will give his attendance thereupon.
- 57. Every member intending to move for Notice of the appointment of a select committee shall, members one day next before the nomination of such committee, place on the notices the names of the members intended to be proposed by him to be members of such committee.
- 58. Lists shall be affixed in some con-Lists of spicuous place in the committee office and in serving. the lobby of the house of all members serving on each select committee.
- 59. To every question asked of a witness Entry of under examination in the proceedings of any questions select committee there shall be prefixed in the minutes of the evidence the name of the member asking such question.
- 60. The names of the members present each Entry of day on the sitting of any select committee shall attending. be entered on the minutes of evidence, or on the minutes of the proceedings of the committee (as the case may be), and reported to the house on the report of such committee.

Entry of divisions.

61. In the event of any division taking place in any select committee, the question proposed, the name of the proposer, and the respective votes thereupon of each member present, shall be entered on the minutes of evidence, or on the minutes of the proceedings of the committee (as the case may be), and reported to the house on the report of such committee.

Quorum.

62. If, at any time during the sitting of a select committee of this house the quorum of members fixed by the house shall not be present, the clerk of the committee shall call the attention of the chairman to the fact, who shall thereupon suspend the proceedings of the committee until a quorum be present, or adjourn the committee to some future day.

Power to report opinion and observations. 63. Every select committee having power to send for persons, papers, and records, shall have leave to report their opinion and observations, together with the minutes of evidence taken before them, to the house, and also to make a special report of any matters which they may think fit to bring to the notice of the house.

Notice of prayers.

64. The serjeant-at-arms attending this house shall, from time to time, when the house is going to prayers, give notice thereof to all committees; and all proceedings of committees, after such notice, are declared to be null and void, unless such committees be otherwise empowered to sit after prayers.

65. The

## Address in answer to King's Speech.

65. The stages of committee and report Discontinuon the address to His Majesty to convey the stages on thanks of the house for His Majesty's most address in answer to gracious speech to both houses of parliament, King's speech at the opening of the session, shall be discontinued.

## Public Money.

- 66. This house will receive no petition for Recommenany sum relating to public service, or proceed dation from crownwhen upon any motion for a grant or charge upon required on application the public revenue, whether payable out of the relating to public consolidated fund or out of money to be pro- money. vided by parliament, unless recommended from the crown.
- 67. This house will not proceed upon any Certain pr petition, motion, or bill, for granting any money, relating to or for releasing or compounding any sum of public be money owing, to the crown, but in a committee initiated in committee. of the whole house.
- 68. This house will not receive any petition Restriction for compounding any sum of money owing to the of petitions crown, upon any branch of the revenue, without relating to public a certificate from the proper officer or officers money. annexed to the said petition, stating the debt. what prosecutions have been made for the recovery of such debt, and setting forth how much the petitioner and his security are able to satisfy thereof.

69. This house will not proceed upon any on address motion for an address to the crown, praying for issue 276

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that any money may be issued, or that any expense may be incurred, but in a committee of the whole house.

Procedure on application for charge on revenues of India. 70. This house will not receive any petition, or proceed upon any motion for a charge upon the revenues of India, but what is recommended by the crown.

Procedure on motion for charge on public revenue. 71. If any motion be made in the house for any aid, grant, or charge upon the public revenue, whether payable out of the consolidated fund or out of money to be provided by parliament, or for any charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof shall not be presently entered upon, but shall be adjourned till such further day as the house shall think fit to appoint, and then it shall be referred to a committee of the whole house before any resolution or vote of the house do pass therein.

#### Packet and Telegraphic Contracts.

Contracts to be approved by resolution.

72. In all contracts extending over a period of years, and creating a public charge, actual or prospective, entered into by the government for the conveyance of mails by sea, or for the purpose of telegraphic communications beyond sea, there should be inserted the condition that the contract shall not be binding until it has been approved of by a resolution of the house.

Contracts to be laid on table.

73. Every such contract, when executed, shall forthwith, if parliament be then sitting, or, if parliament be not then sitting, within fourteen

days

days after it assembles, be laid upon the table of the house, accompanied by a minute of the lords of the treasury, setting forth the grounds on which they have proceeded in authorizing it.

74. In cases where any such contract requires Contracts to be confirmed by act of parliament, the bill be confirmed by public for that purpose shall not be introduced and act. dealt with as a private bill, and power to the government to enter into agreements by which obligations at the public charge shall be undertaken shall not be given in any private act.

# Public Accounts.

75. There shall be a standing committee, to standing be designated "the committee of public accounts," on public for the examination of the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by parliament to meet the public expenditure, to consist of eleven members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every session, and of whom five shall be a quorum.

#### Public Petitions.

76. Every member offering to present a Presentapetition to the house, not being a petition for a private bill, or relating to a private bill before
the house, shall confine himself to a statement of
the parties from whom it comes, of the number of
signatures attached to it, and of the material
allegations contained in it, and to the reading of
the prayer of such petition.

No debate on presentation.

77. Every such petition not containing matter in breach of the privileges of this house, and which, according to the rules or usual practice of this house, can be received, shall be brought to the table by the direction of the speaker, who shall not allow any debate, or any member to speak upon, or in relation to such petition; but it may be read by the clerk at the table, if required.

Petition as to present personal grievance. 78. In the case of such petition complaining of some present personal grievance, for which there may be an urgent necessity for providing an immediate remedy, the matter contained in such petition may be brought into discussion on the presentation thereof.

Reference of petitions to committee on public petitions.

79. All other such petitions, after they shall have been ordered to lie on the table, shall be referred to the committee on public petitions, without any question being put; but if any such petition relate to any matter or subject with respect to which the member presenting it has given notice of a motion, and the said petition has not been ordered to be printed by the committee, such member may, after notice given, move that such petition be printed with the votes.

Petitions against imposition of a tax. 80. Subject to the above regulations, petitions against any resolution or bill imposing a tax or duty for the current service of the year shall be henceforth received, and the usage under

under which the house has refused to entertain such petitions shall be discontinued.

#### Speaker.

- 81.—(1.) Whenever the house shall be in- Deputy formed by the clerk at the table of the unavoid-deputy able absence of Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the chairman. committee of ways and means shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of speaker in relation to all proceedings of this house, as deputy speaker, until the next meeting of the house, and so on from day to day, on the like information being given to the house, until the house shall otherwise order: provided that if the house shall adjourn for more than twentyfour hours the deputy speaker shall continue to perform the duties and exercise the authority of speaker for twenty-four hours only after such adjournment.
- (2.) At the commencement of every parliament, or from time to time, as necessity may arise, the house may appoint a deputy chairman, who shall, whenever the chairman of ways and means is absent from the chair, be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the chairman of ways and means, including his powers as deputy speaker.

### Members.

82. No member's name shall be affixed to Scats not to any seat in the house before the hour of prayers; before and prayers.

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and the speaker shall give directions to the doorkeepers accordingly.

Seats secured at prayers. 83. Any member having secured a seat at prayers shall be entitled to retain the same until the rising of the house.

Time for taking the oath.

84. Members may take and subscribe the oath required by law at any time during the sitting of the house, before the orders of the day and notices of motions have been entered upon, or after they have been disposed of; but no debate or business shall be interrupted for that purpose.

Affirmation in lieu of oath.

85. Every person returned as a member of this house, who may claim to be a person for the time being by law permitted to make a solemn affirmation or declaration instead of taking an oath, shall henceforth (notwithstanding so much of the resolution adopted by this house on the 22nd day of June 1880 as relates to affirmation) be permitted, without question, to make and subscribe a solemn affirmation in the form prescribed by the Parliamentary Oaths Act, 1866, as altered by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, subject to any liability by statute.

#### Witnesses.

Administration of oath in house. 86. Any oath or affirmation taken or made by any witness before the house, or a committee of the whole house, may be administered by the clerk at the table.

87. Any oath or affirmation taken or made Administration of oath by any witness before a select committee may in select be administered by the chairman, or by the committee. clerk attending such committee.

#### Strangers.

88. The serjeant-at-arms attending this Power of house shall, from time to time, take into his arms with custody any stranger whom he may see, or who strangers. may be reported to him to be, in any part of the house or gallery appropriated to the members of this house, and also any stranger who, having been admitted into any other part of the house or gallery, shall misconduct himself, or shall not withdraw when strangers are directed to withdraw, while the house, or any committee of the whole house, is sitting; and no person so taken into custody shall be discharged out of custody without the special order of the house.

89. No member of this house shall presume Places to to bring any stranger into any part of the house strangers or gallery appropriated to the members of this are not admitted. house while the house, or a committee of the whole house, is sitting.

90. If at any sitting of the house, or in Withdrawa committee, any member shall take notice that from house. strangers are present, Mr. Speaker, or the chairman (as the case may be), shall forthwith put the question, "That strangers be ordered to withdraw," without permitting any debate or amendment: provided that the speaker, or the

chairman, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of strangers from any part of the house.

#### Letters.

Custody of letters addressed to members. 91. To prevent the intercepting or losing of letters directed to members of this house, the person appointed to bring letters from the General Post Office to this house, or some other person to be appointed by the postmaster general, shall for the future, every day during the session of parliament, Sundays excepted, constantly attend, from ten of the clock in the morning till seven in the afternoon, at the place appointed for the delivery of the said letters, and take care, during his stay there, to deliver the same to the several members to whom they shall be directed, or to their known servant or servants, or other persons bringing notes under the hands of the members sending for the same.

Directions to officer in charge of letters. **92.** The said officer shall, upon his going away, lock up such letters as shall remain undelivered; and no letter shall be delivered but within the hours aforesaid.

Orders to be sent to postmaster general.

93. The said orders shall be sent to the postmaster general at the commencement of each session.

Mode of dealing with letters directed to house. 94. When any letter or packet directed to this house shall come to Mr. Speaker, he shall open the same; and acquaint the house, at their next sitting, with the contents thereof, if proper to be communicated to this house.

95. If,

## Parliamentary Papers.

95. If, during the existence of a parliament, Presentapapers are commanded to be presented to this too of command house by His Majesty at any time, the delivery papers.

of such papers to the librarian of the House of Commons shall be deemed to be for all purposes the presentation of them to this house.

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Clerk of the House of Commons.

Examined.

G. C. Giffard.

Clerk of the Journals.

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### The Two Classes of Private Bills.

1. For the purposes of the Standing Orders Private Bills of this House, all Private Bills to which the Two Classes. Standing Orders are applicable shall be divided into the Two following Classes, according to the subjects to which they respectively relate:—

#### 1st CLASS:

1st Class.

Burial Ground, Making, Maintaining of Altering.

Charters and Corporations, enlarging or altering Powers of.

Church or Chapel, Building, Enlarging, Repairing or Maintaining.

City or Town, Paving, Lighting, Watching, Cleansing or Improving.

Company, Incorporating, Regulating, or giving Powers to.

County Rate.

County or Shire Hall, Court House.

Crown, Church, or Corporation Property, or Property held in Trust for Public or Charitable Purposes.

Electricity Supply.

Ferry, where no work is to be executed. Fishery, Making, Maintaining or Improving. Gaol or House of Correction.

Gas Work.

Improvement Charge, unless proposed in connection with a Second Class Work to be authorised by the Bill.

Land, Inclosing, Draining or Improving. Letters Patent.

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The Two Classes of Private Bills. Local Court, Constituting.

Market or Market-place, Erecting, Improving, Repairing, Maintaining or Regulating.

Pilotage.

Police.

Poor, Maintaining or Employing.

Poor Rate

Powers to sue and be sued, Conferring.

Stipendiary Magistrate, or any Public Officer, Payment of.

Trolley vehicle system.

And

Continuing or amending an Act passed for any of the purposes included in this or the Second Class, where no further work than such as was authorised by a former Act is proposed to be made.

2nd Class.

2nd CLASS:

Making, Maintaining, Varying, Extending or Enlarging any

Aqueduct. Archway. Bridge.

Canal.

Dock. Drainage—Where it

orainage—Where it is not provided in the Bill that the Cut shall not be more than Eleven feet wide at the

bottom. Embankment

> reclaiming Land from the Sea or any Tidal River.

Ferry, where any work is to be executed.

n Railway.
e Reservoir.
e Sewer.
n Street.

Subway. Tramway.

Harbour.

Pier.

Port.

Public

Road.

Motor Road.

Navigation.

Carriage

Tramroad. Tunnel. Waterwork.

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# Appointment of Examiners.

The Two Classes of Private Bills.

2. There shall be one or more Officers of Examiners this House, to be called "The Examiners of Petitions. PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS," who shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker.

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STANDING ORDERS, COMPLIANCE WITH WHICH IS TO BE PROVED BEFORE THE EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

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Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before the Examiners.

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[In these Orders, unless the context otherwise requires—

the term "Tramway" means a Tramway Defintions.

laid along a street or road; the term "Tramroad" means a Tramway laid elsewhere than along a street or road: Provided that where a Bill relates partly to Tramroad and partly to Tramway as here defined, the provisions of these Orders shall apply to such Tramroad or Tramway however the same may be described in the Bill:

the term "Railway" includes "Tram road and Motor Road";

the term "Trolly vehicle system" means a system of traction whereby vehicles are propelled on roads by mechanical power conveyed by overhead wires and trolleys;

the term "Lessee" includes a person holding an agreement for a lease;

the term "Occupier" applies only to ratepayers, and to other persons not being ratepayers, whose interest in the premises occupied is not less than that of a quarterly tenant;

the term "London," except where the City of London is expressly mentioned, means the administrative County of London:

the term "Mechanical Power" includes steam, electrical, and every other motive power not being animal power;

Other expressions defined in The Interpretation Act, 1889, have the same meanings in these Orders as if these Orders were an Act of Parliament passed after the commencement of that Act.]

Compliance with the following Standing Orders shall be proved before one of the Examiners; viz.—

#### 1. Notices by Advertisement.

Particulars specified in Notice.

3. In all cases where Application is intended to be made for leave to bring in a Bill relating to any of the subjects included in either of the Two Classes of Private Bills, Notice shall be given stating the objects of such intended application, and the time at which copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office; and if it be intended to apply for powers for the compulsory purchase of Lands or Houses, or compulsory user of the same, or for extending the time granted by any former Act for that purpose, or to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease the Undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the Undertaking of any other Company, or to enter into working agreements or traffic arrangements, or to dissolve any Company, or to amend or repeal any former Act or Acts, or to levy any Tolls, Rates or compliance Duties, or to alter any existing Tolls, Rates or Duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any exemptions from payment of Tolls. Rates or Examiners. Duties, or to confer, vary, or extinguish any other rights or privileges, or to impose on any lands or houses, or to render any lands or houses liable to the imposition of, any charge in respect of any improvement, the Notice shall specify such intention, and shall also specify the Company, person, or persons with, to, from, or by whom it is intended to be proposed that such amalgamation, sale, purchase, lease, working agreements, or traffic arrangements shall be made; and the whole of the Notice relating to the same Bill shall, except as provided by Standing Order 9, be included in the same Advertisement, which shall be headed by a short title, descriptive of the Undertaking or Bill, and shall be subscribed with the name and address of the person, Company, Corporation, or firm responsible for the publication of the Notice.

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4. In cases of Bills included in the Second Further Class, and of Bills of the First Class, in respect in case of to which Plans are required to be deposited, Class and such Notices shall also contain a description certain First Class of all the Termini, together with the Names Bills. of the Parishes, Townlands and extra-parochial places from, in, through, or into which the

work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which any land or houses intended to be taken are situate. and where any common or commonable land is intended to be taken, or used compulsorily, such Notice shall contain the name of such common or commonable land (if any), and the name of any parish in which such land is situate, together with an estimate of the quantity of such common or commonable land proposed to be taken or used compulsorily, and shall state the time and place of deposit of the Plans, Sections, Books of Reference and Copies of the Gazette Notice respectively, with the Clerks of the Peace and Sheriff Clerks, and also with the officers respectively mentioned in Standing Order 29, as the case may be.

Particulars! in Notices for Burial Ground, Gas Works, &c. Bills.

5. In cases of Bills for constructing Gas Works, or Sewage Works, or Works for the Manufacture or Conversion of the Residual Products of Gas or Sewage, or for making or constructing a Sewage Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital for Infectious Disease, or Station for Generating Electrical energy, the Notices shall set forth and specify the Lands in or upon which such Gas Works, Sewage Works, Works for the Manufacture or Conversion of Residual Products, Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital, or Generating Station is intended to be made or constructed.

6. In cases of Bills for laying down a standing Tramway, the Notice shall specify at what compliance point or points, and on which side of the Street with which or Road it is proposed to lay such Tramway, so that for a distance of Thirty feet or upwards Examiners. a less space than Nine feet Six inches, or if it Notices in is intended to run thereon carriages or trucks case of Tramway adapted for use upon Railways, a less space than Bills. Ten feet Six inches shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on the side of the Street or Road and the nearest rail of the Tramway: in the case of a Bill for constructing a Tramroad or Tramway, the Notice shall specify the gauge to be adopted and the motive power to be employed.

7. In all cases where it is proposed to divert Notices in into any existing or intended Cut, Canal, case of Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, or into any Bills. intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any Water from any existing Cut. Canal. Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, whether the water is to be abstracted directly or indirectly from any such Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation, or from any feeder thereof, and whether under any agreement with the Proprietors thereof or otherwise, the Notices shall contain the name of every such last-mentioned Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct or Navigation.

8. In cases of Bills relating to Letters Notices in Patent, each Notice shall have prefixed to it in Letters Patent Bills

Capital Letters the name by which the Invention is usually distinguished, and shall contain a distinct description of the Invention for which such Letters Patent have been obtained, and also an account of the Term of their Duration.

Additional Notice in case of Letters Patent Bill. 8a. In addition to the ordinary Notices, Notice of the intention to apply to Parliament for a Bill relating to Letters Patent shall be published twice in the Official Journal of the Patent Office, before the introduction of the Bill in this House.

Publication of Notices in Gazettes and Newspapers.

- 9. In the months of October and November, or either of them, immediately preceding the Application for a Bill, the Notice shall be published once in the London, Edinburgh, or Dublin Gazette, as the case may be, and in the following Newspapers, namely:—
  - (1.) In the case of a Bill relating specially to any particular city, borough, town, or urban rural district, the Notice shall be published once in each of two successive weeks, with an interval between such publications of not less than six clear days in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in such city, borough, town, or district, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in the county in which such city, borough, town, or district, or any part thereof, is situate;

- (2.) In the case of a Bill authorising Standing the construction of works or the taking compliance or compulsory user of lands, or extending the time granted by a former Act for the construction of works or taking or compulsory user of lands, situate in one county only. or relating to an undertaking or to lands situate in one county only, or promoted by a Company or Companies, or other parties possessed of an undertaking situate in one county only, the Notice shall be published once in each of two successive weeks, with an interval between such publications of not less than six clear days, in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in that county, or if there be no Newspaper published therein, then in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in some county adjoining or near thereto;
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(3.) In the case of a Bill authorizing the construction of works or the taking or compulsory user of lands, or extending the time granted by a former Act for the construction of works or the taking or compulsory user of lands, in more than one county, or relating to an undertaking or to lands situate in more than one county, or promoted by a Company or Companies or other parties possessed of an undertaking situate in more than one county, the Notice shall be published once in each of two successive weeks, with an interval between

such publications of not less than six clear days, in some Newspaper or Newspapers of the county in which the principal office of the Company or Companies or other parties who are the promoters of the Bill is situate. and in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in each county in which any new works are proposed to be constructed, or in which any lands are intended to be taken or compulsorily used, or in which any works or lands are situate, in respect of which any new or further powers for the completion or taking or compulsory user thereof are intended to be applied for, or if there be no Newspaper published therein, then in some Newspaper or Newspapers published in some county adjoining or near thereto: Provided always, That if the Bill relates to lands or works situate in more than one county, it shall be sufficient (at the option of the promoters) to publish in each of such counties so much only of the Notice as relates specifically to the lands or works situate in that county, together with the short title of the Notice and an intimation that the Notice has been published in full or sent for publication in full in the Gazette;

(4.) No publication under this Order shall be made after the 27th day of November.

10. In the months of October and November, or one of them, immediately preceding the Application for any Bill for laying down a Tramway

Posting of Notices in case of Tramway or Underground Railway Bill.

Tramway, or constructing an underground Standing Railway, when such Bill contains powers compliance authorising any alteration or disturbance of the surface of any Street or Road, Notice thereof shall be posted for Fourteen consecutive Days in Examiners. every such Street or Road in such manner as the authority having the control of such Street or Road shall direct, and if after such Application to such authority no such direction shall be given, then in some conspicuous position in every such Street or Road, and such Notice shall also state the place or places at which the Plans of such Tramway or Railway will be deposited.

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This Order shall apply to a trolley vehicle system in like manner as to a tramway, except that part of it which refers to plans deposited.

#### 2. Notices and Applications to Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of Lands and Houses.

11. On or before the Fifteenth day of Application December immediately preceding the Application &c. on or for a Bill for power to take any Lands or Houses before 15th compulsorily or for compulsory user of the same, or for an extension of the time granted by any former Act for that purpose, or to impose an improvement charge on any Lands or Houses, or to render any Lands or Houses liable to the imposition of an improvement charge, application in writing shall be made to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all such Lands and Houses, inquiring

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whether they assent, dissent, or are neuter in respect of such application; and in cases of Bills included in the second class, such application shall be; as nearly as may be, in the form set forth in the Appendix marked (A.).

Lists of Owners, &c. assenting, dissenting, and neuter.

12. Separate Lists shall be made of the Names of such Owners, Lessees and Occupiers, distinguishing those who have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect to such application, or who have returned no answer thereto; and where no written acknowledgment has been returned to an application forwarded by post, or where such application has been returned as undelivered at any time before the making up of such list, the direction of the letter in which the same was so forwarded shall be inserted therein.

Notice to Frontagers in case of Tramways. 13. On or before the Fifteenth day of December immediately preceding the Application for a Bill for the laying down a Tramway, Notice in writing shall be given to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees, or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all houses, shops, or warehouses abutting upon any part of any street or road where, for a distance of Thirty feet or upwards, it is proposed that a less space than Nine feet Six inches shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on either side of the road and the nearest rail of the Tramway or a less space than Ten feet Six inches, if it is intended to run on the Tramway carriages or trucks adapted for use upon Railways.

13a. On or before the Fifteenth day of Standing December immediately preceding the Applica- compliance tion for any Bill for laying down a Tram- with which way crossing any Railway or Tramway on the level, or crossing any Railway, Tramway, or Examiners. Canal by means of a Bridge, or otherwise Notice to affecting or interfering with such Railway, Owners and Lessess of Tramway, or Canal, Notice in writing of such Railways, application shall be served upon the Owner or or Canals. reputed Owner, and upon the Lessee or reputed affected, or Lessee of such Railway, Tramway, or Canal, and interfered with by such Notice shall state the place or places at proposed Tramway. which the plans of the Tramway to be authorized by such Bill have been or will be deposited.

This Order shall apply to trolley vehicle systems in like manner as to tramways, except that part of it which refers to plans deposited.

14. On or before the Fifteenth day of Notices December immediately preceding the Application proposed for a Bill, whereby it is proposed to abstract Abstract Water from Water from any Stream for the purpose of any Stream. supplying any Cut, Canal, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Navigation, or Waterwork, Notice in writing of such Bill shall be given to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of all Mills and Manufactories or other Works using the Waters of such Stream for a distance of Twenty miles below the point at which such Water is intended to be abstracted, such distance to be measured along the course of such Stream, unless such Waters shall, within a less distance than Twenty miles, fall into or unite with any navigable Stream, and then only to the Owners or reputed Owners. Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of such Mills and

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Manufactories, or other works as aforesaid, which shall be situate between the point at which such Water is proposed to be abstracted, and the point at which such Water shall fall into or unite with such navigable Stream; and such Notice shall state the name (if any) by which the Stream is known at the point at which such Water shall be immediately abstracted, and also the Parish in which such point is situate, and the time and place of deposit of Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference and Copies of the Gazette Notice respectively with the Clerks of the Peace and Sheriff Clerks, as the case may be.

Notice to Owners and Occupiers of Houses in case of Burial Grounds, Gas Works, &c. Bills.

15. On or before the Fifteenth day of December immediately preceding the Application for a Bill for constructing Gas Works or Sewage Works, or Works for the Manufacture or Conversion of the Residual Products of Gas or Sewage, or for constructing any station for generating Electrical Energy, or for making or constructing a Sewage Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, or Hospital for Infectious Disease, Notice shall be served upon the Owner, Lessee and Occupier of every Dwelling House situated within 300 Yards of the lands in or upon which such Gas Works, Sewage Works, Works for the Manufacture of Residual Products, Generating Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, or Hospital may be made or constructed.

Notice to Owners, &c. in case of 16. On or before the Fifteenth day of December immediately preceding the Application for a Bill whereby the whole or any part

of a Work authorised by any former Act is Standing intended to be relinquished. Notice in writing compliance of such Bill shall be served upon the Owners or reputed Owners. Lessees or reputed Lessees. and Occupiers of the Lands in which any part Examiners. of the said Work intended to be thereby Relinquish. relinquished is situate.

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17. On or before the Twenty-first day of Notice to Owners, &c. December immediately preceding the Applica-in cases of tion for a Bill, whereby any express statutory of Repeal provision then in force for the protection of the sions. Owner, Lessee, or Occupier of any Property, or for the protection or benefit of any public Trustees or Commissioners, Corporation or Person, specifically named in such provision, is sought to be altered, or repealed, Notice in writing of such Bill, and of the intention to alter or repeal such provision, shall be served upon every such Owner, Lessee, or Occupier, public Trustees or Commissioners, Corporation or Person.

17a. On or before the Twenty-first day of Notice to December, immediately preceding the Application in cases of for a Bill whereby any express statutory pro- Alteration or Repeal of vision relating to nuisance arising on any lands Provisions relating to is sought to be altered or repealed, Notice Nuisance. in writing of such Bill, and of the intention to alter or repeal such provision, shall be served upon the Owner and Lessee of every Dwellinghouse situate within three hundred yards of the said lands.

Owners, &c.

18. On or before the Twenty-first day of Notice in December immediately preceding the Application for tion for a Bill whereby any compulsory running Compulsory

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powers are proposed to be taken over any railway. Notice in writing of such Bill, and of the intention to apply for such running powers, shall be served upon every Company owning or Examiners. working such railway.

Mode of plication and serving Notice.

19. All Applications shall be made, and making Ap- Notices served, either by delivering the same personally to the party entitled to such Application or Notice, or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode, or, in his absence from the United Kingdom, with his agent, or by forwarding the same by post in a registered letter, addressed with a sufficient direction to his usual place of abode, and posted on or before the third day previously to the day required for delivery of the same personally, at such places, at such hours, and according to such regulations as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time appoint for the posting and registration of such letters, and shall be accompanied by a copy of the Standing Orders which regulate the time and mode of presenting Petitions in opposition to Bills.

Evidence of Application and Notice.

20. In all cases the written acknowledgment of the party applied to shall, in the absence of other proof, be sufficient evidence of such Application having been made, or Notice given; and in case of an application or notice having been forwarded by a registered letter, the production of the Post Office receipt for such letter shall be sufficient evidence of the due delivery of such letter: Provided it shall appear that the same was properly and sufficiently directed, and that

the same was not returned by the Post Office as Standing undelivered.

21. No Notice served or Application made on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Easter Monday, or before Eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after Eight o'clock in the afternoon of any Notices not day, shall be deemed valid, except in the case of on Sunday, delivery of letters by post.

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22. In cases of Bills to authorise the laying consents down of a Tramway, the promoters shall obtain in case of Tramways the consent of the local authority of the district Bill. or districts through which it is proposed to construct such Tramway, and where in any district there is a road authority distinct from the local authority, the consent of such road authority shall also be necessary in any case where power is sought to break up any road. subject to the jurisdiction of such road authority. For the purposes of this Order, in England and Scotland, the local and road authorities shall be the local and road authorities for the purposes of "The Tramways Act, 1870," except that in the case of a rural district in England the rural district council shall be deemed to be the local authority, and in Ireland the local and road authorities shall be the district councils and the county councils respectively. Provided that where it is proposed to lay down a continuous line of Tramway in two or more districts, and any local or road authority having jurisdiction in any such districts does not consent thereto, the consents of the local and road authority, or

the local and road authorities having jurisdiction over Two-thirds of the length of such proposed line of Tramway, shall be deemed to he sufficient.

3. Documents required to be deposited, and the Times and Places of Deposit.

Deposit not to be made on Sunday. &c.

23. No Deposit required by the following Orders shall be deemed valid if made on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Easter Monday, or before Eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after Eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day.

Deposit of Plans, Books of Reference, and Sections with Clerk of the Peace. &с.

24. In cases of Bills of the Second Class, a Plan and also a Duplicate thereof, together with a Book of Reference thereto, and a Section and also a Duplicate thereof, as hereinafter described, and in cases of Bills of the First Class, under the powers of which any lands or houses may be taken or used compulsorily, and in the case of all Bills by which any charge is imposed upon any lands or houses, or any lands or houses are rendered liable to have a charge imposed upon them in respect of any improvement, a Plan and Duplicate thereof, together with a Book of Reference thereto, shall be deposited for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Peace for every County, Riding, or Division in England or Ireland, or in the office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk of every County in Scotland, and where any County in Scotland is divided into districts or divisions, then also in the office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk, in

or for each district or division, in or through Standing which the Work is proposed to be made, main-compliance tained, varied, extended or enlarged, or in which such lands or houses are situate, on or before the 30th day of November immediately Examiners. preceding the Application for the Bill: and in the case of Railway Bills, the Ordnance Map on the scale of one inch to a mile, with the line of railway delineated thereon, so as to show its general course and direction, shall be deposited with such Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference; and the Clerks of the Peace or Sheriff Clerks, or their respective Deputies, shall make a Memorial in writing upon the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference so deposited with them, denoting the time at which the same were lodged in their respective offices, and shall at all seasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine one of the same, and to make copies or extracts therefrom; and one of the two Plans and Sections so deposited shall be sealed up and retained in the possession of the Clerk of the Peace or Sheriff Clerk until called for by order of one of the Two Houses of Parliament. In cases of Bills whereby it is proposed to alter or extend the Municipal Boundary of any City, Borough, or Urban District, a Map on a scale of not less than three inches to a mile, and also a Duplicate thereof, showing as well the present Boundaries of the City, Borough, or Urban District as the Boundaries of the proposed Extension, shall be deposited with the Town Clerk of

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such City or Borough, or Clerk of such Urban District, who shall at all seasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine such Map, and to make copies thereof; and a copy of the said Map, with the said Boundaries delineated thereon, shall also be deposited at the Office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Deposit of Plans, &c. in Private Bill Office.

25. On or before the 30th day of November, a copy of the said Plans, Sections and Books of Reference, and in the case of Railway Bills, also a copy of the Ordnance Map, with the line of Railway delineated thereon, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office of this House.

Deposit of Tramway Map with Board of Trade. 25a. In the case of Bills for laying down a Tramway or trolley vehicle system, an Ordnance Map of the district on a scale of not less than six inches to a mile, with the line of the proposed Tramway or trolley vehicle system marked thereon, and a Diagram on a scale of not less than two inches to a mile, prepared in accordance with the specimen to be obtained at the Office of the Board of Trade, must also be deposited at that Office, and in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, on or before the 30th November.

Deposit of Map in case of Bills for supply of Electrical Energy. 25b. In cases of Bills for the supply of electrical energy, an Ordnance Map on a scale of not less than one inch to the mile, with the proposed area of supply marked thereon, shall be deposited at the Office of the Board of Trade on or before the 30th day of November.

26. In cases where Tidal Lands within the Standing ordinary spring tides are to be acquired, or compliance in any way affected, a copy of the Plans and with which Sections shall, on or before the 30th day of November immediately preceding the Appli- Examiners. cation for the Bill, be deposited at the Office Deposit in of the Harbour Department, Board of Trade, affecting marked "Tidal Waters," and on such copy all Tidal Waters shall be coloured blue, and if the Plans include any bridge across Tidal Waters, the dimensions as regards span and headway of the nearest bridges, if any, across the same Tidal Waters above and below the proposed new bridge shall be marked thereon; and in all such cases, such Plans and Sections shall be accompanied by an Ordnance Map of the country over which the works are proposed to extend, or are to be carried, with their position and extent, or route accurately laid down thereon.

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26a. Where, under the powers of any Bill, Deposit in case of Bills it is proposed to make, extend or enlarge any affecting the state of the power of the power in the power of the power in the power of the power in the power of dam, weir, or obstruction to the passage of fish fisheries in England in any river or estuary in England or Wales, and Wales. or any sewer discharging into any such river or estuary, a copy of so much of the plans and sections as relates to the proposed dam, weir, obstruction, or sewer shall, on or before the thirtieth day of November immediately preceding the application for the Bill, be deposited at the office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and at the office of any fishery board having jurisdiction over the river or estuary.

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Deposit in case of Bill affecting banks, &c. of river.

26b. In cases where any work proposed to be authorised is to be situate on the banks, foreshore, or bed of any river, a copy of so much of the Plans and Sections as relates to the portion of the work by which the banks, foreshore, or river-bed may be affected, shall, on or before the 30th day of *November* immediately preceding the Application for the Bill, be deposited—

- (1) if the river is in Scotland, at the Office of the Secretary for Scotland;
- (2) if the river is in Ireland, at the Irish Office, Westminster, and at the Office of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Dublin;
- (3) if there be a Board of Conservators constituted for the conservancy of the river, at the Office also of such Board;

and if the Plans include any tunnel under or bridge over the river, the dimensions as regards depth below bed of the river, and span and headway, shall be marked thereon; and such Plans shall be accompanied by an Ordnance Map of the country over which the works are proposed to extend or are to be carried, with their position and extent or route accurately laid down thereon.

Deposit of Plans, &c. with Board of Trade. 27. In the case of Railway, Tramway, and Canal Bills, a copy of all Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference, required to be deposited in the Office of any Clerk of the Peace or Sheriff

Sheriff Clerk, on or before the 30th day of November immediately preceding the Application for the Bill (and in the case of Railway Bills also a copy of the Ordnance Map, with the line of railway delineated thereon), shall Examiners. on or before the same day be deposited in the Office of the Board of Trade.

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28. Where the work or any part thereof Deposit of Plans and will be situate in London, or where powers Sections are sought to take or use any lands com- with London County pulsorily in London, a copy of so much of the Council. Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference as relates to London shall, on or before the 30th day of November, be deposited at the Office of the London County Council.

29. Where, under the powers of any Bill, Deposit in any work is intended to be made, maintained, certain case varied, extended, or enlarged, or any lands or Local Authorities. houses may be taken or used compulsorily, or an improvement charge may be imposed, a copy of so much of the said Plans and Sections as relates to any of the areas hereinafter mentioned, together with a copy of so much of the Book of Reference as relates to such area, shall, on or before the 30th day of November, be deposited with the Officer respectively herein-after mentioned, that is to say, in the case of-

(a) The City of London, or any borough in England or Wales, whether Metropolitan or other, with the Town Clerk of such city or borough;

(b) Any

- (b) Any urban district in England or Wales, not being a borough, or any Rural District, with the Clerk of the District Council;
- (c) Any parish in England or Wales having a Parish Council, with the Clerk of the Parish Council, or, if there is no Clerk, with the Chairman of that Council;
- (d) Any parish in England or Wales comprised in a rural district, and not having a Parish Council, with the Chairman of the Parish Meeting;
- (e) Any burgh in Scotland, with the Town Clerk or Clerk;
- (f) Any parish in Scotland, outside a burgh, with the Clerk of the Parish Council;
- (g) Any urban or rural district in *Ireland*, with the Clerk of the District Council.

Deposit of Plans in certain cases with Home Office and Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. 30. Where by any Bill power is sought to take any churchyard, burial ground, or cemetery, or any part thereof, or to disturb the bodies interred therein, or where power is sought to take any common or commonable land, as the case may be, a copy of so much of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference required by these Orders to be deposited in the Private Bill Office in respect of such Bill as relates to

such churchyard, burial ground or cemetery, common or commonable land, shall, on or compliance before the Thirtieth day of November, be de- with which posited at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and a copy of so Examiners. much of the said Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference as relates to such common or commonable land shall, on or before the said day, be deposited at the Office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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31. Wherever any Plans, Sections, and Gazette Books of Reference, or parts thereof, are re-deposited quired to be deposited, a copy of the Notice with Plans, published in the Gazette of the intended application to Parliament shall be deposited therewith.

32. Every Petition for a Private Bill, Petition for headed by a short Title descriptive of the Under- Bill, &c., to be deposited taking or Bill, corresponding with that at the in Private Bill Office. head of the Advertisement, with a Declaration. signed by the Agent, and a printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the Seventeenth day of December; and such Petition, Bill and Declaration shall be open to the inspection of all parties: and printed copies of the Bill shall also be delivered therewith for the use of any Member of the House or Agent who may apply for the same. Such Declaration shall state to which of the two classes of Bills such Bill, in the judgment of the Agent, belongs; and if the proposed Bill

Standing shall give power to effect any of the following Orders, compliance objects; that is to say:—

Power to take any lands or houses compulsorily, or to extend the time granted by any former Act for that purpose:

Power to levy tolls, rates or duties, or to alter any existing tolls, rates or duties; or to confer, vary or extinguish any exemption from payment of tolls, rates or duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any other right or privilege:

Power to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease their undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the undertaking of any other Company:

Power to interfere with any Crown, Church or Corporation property, or property held in trust for public or charitable purposes:

Power to relinquish any part of a work authorised by a former Act:

Power to divert into any existing or intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the proprietors thereof, or otherwise:

Power to make, vary, extend or enlarge any cut, canal. reservoir, aqueduct or navigation:

Power to make, vary, extend or enlarge any railway.

The said Declaration shall state which of such powers are given by the Bill, and shall indicate indicate in which clauses of the Bill (referring to them by their number) such powers are given, compliance and shall further state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in this Order, other than those stated in Examiners. the Declaration

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If the proposed Bill shall not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in the preceding Order, the said Declaration shall state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of such objects.

The said Declaration shall also state that the Bill does not give any powers other than those included in the Notices for the Bill.

- 33. On or before the 18th day of December, Deposit of a printed copy shall be deposited—
  - Private Bills
  - (1.) Of every Private Bill, at the Office Public Deof His Majesty's Treasury, and at the partments. General Post Office:
  - (2.) Of every Private Bill relating to England and Wales, at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department and at the Local Government Board:
  - (3.) Of every Local Bill relating to Scotland or Ireland, at the Office of the Secretary for Scotland or the Irish Office, as the case may be;
  - (4.) Of every Bill relating to railways, tramways, trolley vehicles, canals, gas, water, patents, or electric lighting, or for incorporating or giving powers to any Company, at the Office of the Board of Trade:

- (5.) Of every Bill relating to the generation of electricity for supply to persons or bodies other than the promoters, at the office of the Board of Trade and at the office of the Commissioners of Works;
- (6.) Of every Bill affecting foreshore or tidal lands within the ordinary spring tides, or relating to any dock, harbour, navigation, pier, port, or tidal waters, at the Office of the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade, marked "Tidal Waters";
- (7.) Of every Bill whereby it is proposed to authorise in England or Wales the making, extending, or enlarging of any dam, weir, or obstruction to the passage of fish in any river or estuary, or of any sewer discharging into any such river or estuary, or the abstraction of water from any river, at the office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and at the office of any fishery board having jurisdiction over the river or estuary.
- (8.) Of every Bill containing provisions with respect to the use of weights and measures, or the inspection or verification of the same, at the Standards Department of the Board of Trade;
- (9.) Of every Bill relating to any company, body, or person carrying on business in any colony or British possession, at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Colonies:
- (10.) Of every Bill which proposes to alter the boundary of the area of any county, urban

district, parish, or any other Standing administrative area, or which relates to any compliance matter to which the Births and Deaths with which Registration Acts, 1836 to 1901, and any Act amending the same, relate, at the Examiners. General Register Office, Somerset House:

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- (11.) Of every private Bill relating to England and Wales which in any manner affects education or educational endowments, or alters the boundary of any county, borough, or urban district, or affects the incidence of any local rate out of which any educational expenditure is payable, at the Office of the Board of Education:
- (12.) Of every Bill affecting Crown property, at the Office of the Commissioners of Woods, and if the property is in England or Scotland, at the Office of the Commissioners of Works, or, if the property is in Ireland, at the Office of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland:
- (13.) Of every Bill affecting charities or charitable trusts, at the Office of the Charity Commission and at the Office of the Board of Education:
- (14.) Of every Bill affecting the Duchy of Cornwall or the Duchy of Lancaster, at the Office of such Duchy respectively:
- (15.) Of every Local Bill which relates to the drainage of land in England or K 2 Wales

Wales, or which relates to the improvement of land in England, Wales, or Scotland, or to the erection, improvement, repair, maintenance, or regulation of any market or market place at which cattle are exposed for sale, or to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, or which proposes to alter the boundary of any county, urban or rural district, parish, or any other administrative area in the United Kingdom, or whereby power is sought to take any common or commonable land, at the Office of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Deposit of Bills with the London County Council. 34. On or before the 18th day of *December*, a printed copy of every Bill of the Second Class which proposes to authorize any work in London, shall be deposited at the Office of the London County Council.

Deposit
of Bills
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Authorities.

34a. On or before the 18th day of December a printed copy of every Bill of the First Class which proposes to authorize any persons other than the Road Authority to break up or otherwise interfere with any streets or roads shall be deposited at the Office of the Road Authority.

Deposit of Estimates, &c., in Private Bill Office.

35. All Estimates and Declarations, and Lists of Owners Lessees and Occupiers, which are required by the Standing Orders of this House, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 31st day of December.

35a. As respects all Bills for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies, or proposed compliance with which Companies for carrying on any trade or business, or for conferring upon such Companies the power of suing and being sued, Examiners. there shall be deposited in the Private Bill bocuments to be de-Office, on or before 31st December, a copy posited in Private Bill of the Deed or Agreement of Partnership (if Office in any) under which the Company or proposed Joint Stock Company is acting, and in all cases other than Bills. those of Companies registered under "The Companies Act, 1862," or "The Companies Consolidation Act, 1908." a Declaration stating the following matters:-

1st.—The present and proposed amount of the Capital of the Company.

2nd.—The number of Shares, and the amount of each Share.

3rd.—The number of Shares subscribed for.

4th.—The amount of Subscriptions paid up.

5th.-The names, residences, and descriptions of the Shareholders or Subscribers (so far as the same can be made out), and of the actual or provisional Directors, Treasurers. Secretaries or other officer, if any.

And such documents shall be verified by the signature of some authorized officer of the Company or proposed Company (if any), and by some responsible party promoting the Bill; and copies of such Declarations shall be printed at the expense of the Promoters of the Bill, and delivered at the Vote Office for the use of the

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Copies of Estimate and Declaration to be printed, and delivered at Private Bill Office.

Members of The House, and at the Private Bill office for the use of any Agent who may apply for the same.

36. On or before 31st December, copies of the Estimate of Expense of the Undertaking; and where a Declaration alone, or Declaration and Estimate of the probable amount of Rates and Duties, are required, copies of such Declaration, or of such Declaration and Estimate, shall be printed at the expense of the Promoters of the Bill, and delivered at the Vote Office for the use of the Members of The House, and at the Private Bill Office for the use of any Agent who may apply for the same.

Estimate of expenditure in case of works to be executed by local authority.

36a. On or before the 31st day of December copies of the Estimates of Expenditure for any permanent works proposed to be executed by any municipal corporation, district council, joint board or joint committee, or other local authority in England or Wales, shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office, and at the Office of the Board of Trade or of the Local Government Board, as the case may require.

The Estimates shall be in the following form, or as near thereto as circumstances may permit:—

Estimate for Permanent Works.

£ s. d.

Purchase of land and easements Buildings (specifying generally their nature) -

Reservoir

Reservoirs, filter beds, &c.

Tunnels, embankments, dams, &c.

Trunk mains and main sewers Other mains, pipes, sewers, and sewage disposal works

Other works grouped with regard to the probable life of the works

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If any moneys are required to be borrowed to meet any excess of expenditure previously authorised by Parliament, the Board of Trade, or the Local Government Board, there shall be deposited with the said estimates a statement of the purposes and reasons for the borrowing.

Together with the said estimates there shall be deposited a statement showing the following particulars with respect to the district of the local authority, that is to say: (a) area of the district; (b) population according to the last census; (c) rateable and assessable value according to the last valuation list; (d) rates made in the district during the last preceding financial year; (e) the sum of the balances of outstanding loans contracted by the local authority; and (f) the amount of the outstanding loans to which the limitation of section two hundred and thirty-four of the Public Health Act, 1875, applies.

37. The Estimate for any Works proposed Form of to be authorized by any Railway, Tramway,

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Tramroad, Canal, Dock, or Harbour Bill, shall be in the following form, or as near thereto as circumstances may permit:—

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ESTIMATE of the proposed (Railway).	
$Miles. \ f. \ ch.$ Single or D. Length of Line	
Earthworks: Cuttings—Rock Soft Soil Roads -	. s. d.
Embankments, including Roads - Cubic yards -  Bridges—Public Roads - Number - Accommodation Bridges and Works Viaducts Culverts and drains Metallings of roads and level crossings Gatekeepers' houses at level crossings	
Permanent way, including fencing:  Miles. fgs. chs.  at  Cost per Mile. £. s. d.	
Permanent way for sidings, and cost of junctions Stations	
Contingencies per cent.  Land and Buildings:  A. R. P.	
Total £.	

The same details for each Branch, and Standing General Summary of Total Cost.

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statement

38. Where any Bill contains or revives or extends power to take compulsorily or by Examiners. agreement any land in any local area as defined Deposit of for the purposes of this Order, and such taking relating to workinginvolves or may involve the taking in that area class houses. of any house or houses occupied either wholly or partially by thirty or more persons of the working class, whether as tenants or lodgers, the promoters shall deposit in the Private Bill Office, and at the Office of the Central Authority, on or before the 21st day of December, a statement giving the description and postal address of each of such houses, its number on the deposited Plans, the parish in which it is situate, and the number (so far as can be ascertained) of persons of the working class residing in it, and also a copy of so much of the deposited Plans (if any) as relates thereto.

This Order shall not apply where a statement in pursuance of this Order was deposited in respect of the Act, the powers of which are proposed to be revived or extended.

For the purposes of this Order the expression "local area" means-

- (1) as respects London the Administrative County of London;
- (2) as respects England and Wales (outside London), any borough, or other

- other urban district, and elsewhere than in a borough or other urban district, any parish;
- (3) as respects Scotland, any district within the meaning of The Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897; and
- (4) as respects Ireland, any urban district:

The expression "house" means any house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling:

The expression "working class" means mechanics, artisans, labourers, and others working for wages, hawkers, costermongers, persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family, and persons, other than domestic servants, whose income in any case does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week, and the families of any of such persons who may be residing with them:

The expression "central authority" means, as regards England and Wales, the Local Government Board, as regards Scotland, the Secretary for Scotland, and as regards Ireland, the Local Government Board for Ireland:

The expression "Bill" includes a Bill confirming a Provisional Order.

39. Whenever

39. Whenever Plans, Sections, Books of Reference, or Maps are deposited in the case of compliance a Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, proposed to be made by any Public Department or County Council, duplicates of the said Docu- Examiners. ments shall also be deposited in the Private Bill Deposit of Plans, &c. Office; provided that with regard to such de-in case of posits as are so made at any Public Department Orders in or with any County Council, after the Proroga- Private Bill Office. tion of Parliament, and before the 30th day of November in any year, such duplicates shall be so deposited on or before the 30th day of November.

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Provisional

## 4. Plans, Books of Reference, Sections and Cross Sections.

40. Every Plan required to be deposited Description shall be drawn to a scale of not less than Four inches to a Mile, and shall describe the lands which may be taken or used compulsorily, or on which an improvement charge may be imposed, or which are rendered liable to the imposition of an improvement charge, and in the case of Bills of the Second Class, shall also describe the line or situation of the whole of the work (no alternative line or work being in any case permitted), and the lands in or through which it is to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged, or through which any communication to or from the work may be made: and where it is the intention of the Promoters to apply for powers to make any lateral deviation from the line of the

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proposed work, the limits of such deviation shall be defined upon the Plan, and all lands included within such limits shall be marked thereon; and unless the whole of such Plan shall be upon a scale of not less than a quarter of an inch to every 100 feet, an enlarged Plan shall be added of any building, yard, courtyard or land within the curtilage of any building, or of any ground cultivated as a garden, either in the line of the proposed work, or included within the limits of the said deviation, upon a scale of not less than a quarter of an inch to every 100 feet.

Description required in case of Canals, &c. 41. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, the Plan shall describe the brooks and streams to be directly diverted into such intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct or navigation, or into any variation, extension or enlargement thereof respectively, for supplying the same with water.

Particulars in case of Railways. 42. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend or enlarge any railway, the Plan shall exhibit thereon the distances in miles and furlongs, from one of the termini; and a memorandum of the radius of every curve not exceeding One Mile in length shall be noted on the Plan in furlongs and chains; and where tunnelling as a substitute for open cutting is intended, the same shall be marked by a dotted line on the Plan

Plan, and no work shall be shown as tunnelling, Standing in the making of which it will be necessary to compliance with which cut through or remove the surface soil.

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43. If it be intended to divert, widen or Examiners. narrow any Public Carriage Road, Navigable Diversion of Roads, &c., River, Canal, or Railway, the course of such to be shown. diversion, and the extent of such widening or narrowing, shall be marked upon the Plan: and, if it be intended to divert any public footpath, the course of such diversion shall be marked upon the Plan.

44. When a Railway is intended to form a In case of junction with an existing or authorised line of Junctions, Railway, the course of such existing or autho-existing Line to be rised line of Railway shall be shown on the shown. deposited Plan for a distance of 800 yards on either side of the proposed junction, on the same scale as the scale of the General Plan.

45. In cases of Bills for laying down a Plans in Tramway, the Plans shall indicate whether it is of Street proposed to lay such Tramway along the centre Bills. of any street, and if not along the centre, then on which side of, and at what distance from an imaginary line drawn along the centre of such street, and whether or not, and if so, at what point or points it is proposed to lay such Tramway, so that for a distance of thirty feet or upwards a less space than nine feet six inches, or if it is intended to run thereon carriages or trucks adapted for use upon railways, a less space than ten

feet

feet six inches shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on either side of the road, and the nearest rail of the Tramway.

All lengths shall be stated on the Plan and Section in miles, furlongs, chains, and decimals of a chain. The distances in miles and furlongs from one of the termini of each Tramway shall be marked on the Plan and Section. Each double portion of Tramway, whether a passing-place or otherwise, shall be indicated by a double line. The total length of the road upon which each Tramway is to be laid shall be stated (i.e., the length of route of each Tramway).

The length of each double and single portion of such Tramway, and the total length of such double and single portions respectively, shall also be stated.

In the case of double lines (including passing-places), the distance between the centre lines of each line of Tramway shall be marked on the Plans. This distance must in all cases be sufficient to leave at least fifteen inches between the sides of the widest carriages and engines to be used on the Tramways when passing one another. The gradients of the road on which each Tramway is to be laid shall be marked on the section. Every crossing of a Railway, Tramway, River, or Canal, shall be shown, specifying, in the case of Railways and Tramways, whether they are crossed over, under, or on the level.

All tidal waters shall be coloured blue.

All places where for a distance of thirty feet Standing and upwards there will be a less space than nine compliance feet six inches between the outside of the footpath on either side of the road and the nearest rail of the Tramway shall be indicated by a thick Examiners. dotted line on the Plans on the side or sides of the line of Tramway where such narrow places occur, as well as noted on the Plans, and the width of the road at those places should also be marked on the Plans

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The preceding paragraph shall apply, in the case of a Tramroad, wherever it is carried along a street or road.

45a. In the case of Bills containing power Definition of improveto impose on any lands or houses, or to render ment and any lands or houses liable to the imposition of mentarea. any charge in respect of any improvement, the Plan shall define the improvement, and also the improvement area (being the limits within which the charge may be imposed).

46. The Book of Reference shall contain Contents of Book of the names of the Owners or reputed Owners. Reference. Lessees or reputed Lessees and Occupiers of all Lands and Houses which may be taken or used compulsorily, or upon which any improvement charge is imposed, or which are rendered liable to have an improvement charge imposed upon them, and shall describe such Lands and Houses respectively.

47. The Section shall be drawn to the same horizontal scale as the Plan, and to a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every 100 feet, and shall show the surface of the ground marked on the Plan, the intended level of the proposed Work, the height of every embankment, and the depth of every cutting, and a datum horizontal line, which shall be the same throughout the whole length of the Work, or any branch thereof respectively, and shall be referred to some fixed point (stated in writing on the Section), near some portion of such Work, and in the case of a Canal, Cut, Navigation, Public Carriage Road or Railway, near either of the The distance of such fixed point above or below an Ordnance bench mark in the locality of the proposed Works, and near one of the termini, and the height of such bench mark above Ordnance datum shall also be stated.

Improve-

48. In cases of Bills for improving the ment &c. of Navigation of any River, there shall be a Section which shall specify the levels of both banks of such River; and where any alteration is intended to be made therein, it shall describe the same by feet and inches, or decimal parts of a foot.

Line of Railway.

49. In every Section of a Railway, the line of the Railway marked thereon shall correspond with the upper surface of the Rails.

50. Distances

50. Distances on the datum line shall be Standing marked in miles and furlongs to correspond compliance with those on the Plan; a vertical measure from the datum line to the line of the Railway shall be marked in feet and inches, or Examiners. decimal parts of a foot, at the commencement Distances and termination of the Railway, and at each measures. change of the gradient or inclination thereof; and the proportion or rate of inclination between every two consecutive vertical measures shall also be marked.

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51. Wherever the line of the Railway is Bridges and Level Cross-intended to cross any public carriage-road, ings. navigable river, canal, or railway, the height of the Railway over or depth under the surface thereof, and the height and span of every arch of all bridges and viaducts, by which the Railway will be carried over the same, shall be marked in figures at every crossing thereof; and where the Railway will be carried across any such public carriage road or railway, on the level thereof, such crossing shall be so described on the Section; and it shall also be stated if such level will be unaltered.

52. If any alteration be intended in the Cross Secwater level of any canal, or in the level or Roads, &c. rate of inclination of any public carriage-road or railway which will be crossed by the line of Railway, then the same shall be stated on the Section, and each alteration shall be numbered. and Cross Sections, in reference to the numbers,

on a horizontal scale of not less than one inch to every 330 feet, and on a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every 40 feet, shall be added, which shall show the present surface of such road, canal, or railway, and the intended surface thereof when altered; and the greatest of the present and intended rates of inclination of the portion of such road or railway intended to be altered shall also be marked in figures thereon; and where any public carriage-road is crossed on the level, a Cross Section of such road shall also be added, and all such Cross Sections shall extend for 200 yards on each side of the centre line of the Railway.

Embankments and Cuttings. 53. Wherever the extreme height of any Embankment, or the extreme depth of any Cutting shall exceed Five Feet, the extreme height over or depth under the surface of the ground shall be marked in figures upon the Section; and if any bridge or viaduet of more than three arches shall intervene in any Embankment, or if any tunnel shall intervene in any Cutting, the extreme height or depth shall be marked in figures on each of the parts into which such Embankment or Cutting shall be divided by such bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

Tunnelling and Viaducts. 54. Where tunnelling, a substitute for open cutting, or a viaduct as a substitute for solid embankment, is intended, the same shall be marked on the Section, and no work shall be shown as tunnelling, in the making of which

it will be necessary to cut through or remove the surface soil.

55. When a Railway is intended to form a junction with an existing or authorized line of Railway, the gradient of such existing or authorized line of Railway shall be shown on the Gradient deposited Section, and in connection therewith, and on the same scale as the general Section, for a distance of 800 yards on either side of the point of junction.

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Junctions.

## 5. Estimates and Deposit of Money, and Declarations in certain cases.

56. An Estimate of the Expense of the Estimate in Undertaking under each Bill of the Second Second Class shall be made and signed by the person Class. making the same.

57. In the case of a Railway Bill or Tram-Percentage way Bill, authorizing the construction of works posited. by other than an existing Railway Company or Tramway Company, incorporated by Act of Parliament, possessed of a railway or tramway already opened for public traffic, and which has during the year last past paid Dividends on its ordinary Share Capital, and which does not propose to raise under the Bill a Capital greater than its existing authorized capital, a sum not less than Five per cent. on the amount of the Estimate of Expense, or in the case of substituted works, on the amount by which the

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expense thereof will exceed the expense of the compliance works to be abandoned, and in the case of all Bills other than Railway Bills and Tramway Bills, a sum not less than Four per cent, on the amount of such Estimate, or of such excess as aforesaid, shall, previously to the 15th day of January, be deposited with the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England, if the work is intended to be done in England, or with the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England, or with the King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer on behalf of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, if the work is intended to be done in Scotland, or with the Accountant General of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland, if the work is intended to be done Treland.

Cases in which may be de-posited in lieu of Money.

58. Where the work is to be made, wholly Declarations or in part, by means of Funds, or out of money to be raised upon the credit of present Surplus Revenue, belonging to any Society or Company, or under the control of Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners, as the case may be, of any existing Public Work, such parties being the Promoters of the Bill, a Declaration stating those facts, and setting forth the nature of such control, and the nature and amount of such Funds or Surplus Revenue, and showing the actual surplus of such Funds or Revenue, after deducting deducting the funds required for purposes standing authorized by any Act or Acts of Parliament, compliance and also the funds which may be required for with which any other work to be executed under any Bill in the same Session, and given under the Examiners. common seal of the Society or Company, or under the hand of some authorized Officer of such Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners, may be deposited, and in such case no deposit of money shall be required in respect of so much of the Estimate of Expense as shall be provided for by such Surplus Funds.

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59. In cases of any Bill under which no Cases in private or personal pecuniary profit or advantage which Declaration is to be derived, and where the work is to be and Estimate of made out of money to be raised upon the Amount of Rates may Security of the Rates, Duties, or Revenue be dealready belonging to or under the control of the posited. Promoters, or to be created by or to arise under the Bill, a Declaration stating those facts, and setting forth the means by which funds are to be obtained for executing the work, and signed by the Party or Agent soliciting the Bill, together with an Estimate of the probable amount of such Rates, Duties or Revenue, signed by the person making the same, may be deposited, and in such case no Money Deposit shall be required.

## 6. Bills brought from the House of Lords.

60. A copy of every Local Bill brought from Deposit the House of Lords shall, not later than Two brought

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from the House of Lords.

Days after the Bill is read a First time, be deposited at every office at which it was deposited under Orders 33 and 34, or would be Examiners. required to be deposited under those Orders if it had been originally introduced as brought from the House of Lords.

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61. Whenever during the progress through and Deposits where Work the House of Lords of any Bill of the Second while Bill is Class originating in that House, any alteration in Paris. has been made in any work authorized by such Bill, proof shall be given before the Examiners that a Plan and Section of such alteration, on the same scale and containing the same particulars as the original Plan and Section, together with a Book of Reference thereto, has been deposited in the Private Bill Office, and with the Clerk of the Peace of every County, Riding, or Division in England or Ireland, and in the Office of the Sheriff Clerk of every County in Scotland, in which such alteration is proposed to be made, and where any County in Scotland is divided into Districts or Divisions then also in the Office of the Principal Sheriff Clerk in and for each District or Division in which such alteration is proposed to be made; and that a copy of such Plan and Section, so far as relates to any of the areas mentioned in Standing Order 29, together with a Book of Reference thereto, has been deposited with the officers respectively mentioned in that Order as the case may be, Two weeks previously to

the introduction of the Bill into this House: and that the intention to make such alteration compliance has been published previously to the introduction of the Bill into this House once in the London, Edinburgh, or Dublin Gazette, as the Examiners. case may be, and for Two successive weeks in some one and the same newspaper of the County in which such alteration is situate; and that application in writing, as nearly as may be in the form set forth in the Appendix, marked (A), was made to the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, or in their absence from the United Kingdom, to their Agents respectively, and to the Occupiers of Lands through which any such alteration is intended to be made; and the consent of such Owners or reputed Owners. Lessees or reputed Lessees. and Occupiers, to the making of such alteration, shall be proved before the Examiner. Compliance with this Order shall not be necessary in the case of alterations made on Petition for Additional Provision in the House of Lords.

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7. Consents of Proprietors or Members of Companies, and of Persons named as Directors.

62. Every Bill originating in this House, Meeting of Proprietors promoted by a Company already constituted by in case of certain Bills Act of Parliament, shall be referred to the originating Examiners in this House. T. 4

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Examiners, who shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:—

The Bill, as introduced, or proposed to be introduced, in this House, shall be submitted to the proprietors of such Company at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in some one and the same newspaper published in London, Edinburgh. or Dublin, as the case may be, and in some one and the same newspaper of the county or counties in which the principal office or offices of the Company is or are situate; and also by a circular addressed to each proprietor on the register of the Company at his last known or usual address, and sent by post, or delivered at such address, not less than Ten days before the holding of such meeting, enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for the use of the same; and the same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be sent to every such proprietor; but no such form of proxy shall be stamped before it is sent out, nor shall the funds of the Company be used for the stamping any proxies, nor shall intimation be sent as to any person in whose favour the proxy may be granted, and no other other circular or form of proxy relating to such meeting shall be sent to any pro- compliance prietor from the office of the Company, or by any director or officer of the Company so describing himself.

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Such meeting shall be held not earlier than the seventh day after the last insertion of such advertisement, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the Company.

At such meeting the said Bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved of by proprietors, present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the Company represented by the votes at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the Company in right of such capital. The votes of proprietors of any paid-up shares or stock other than debenture stock, not qualified to vote at ordinary meetings, whose interests may be affected by the Bill, if tendered at the meeting shall be recorded separately. The names of the proprietors present in person at the meeting shall be recorded by the Company. For this purpose the meeting and any other consecutive meetings, whether general or special, and whether preceding or following Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners. it, shall be deemed to be the same meeting. A poll may be demanded by any proprietor present in person at the meeting.

There shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and of the number of votes recorded separately.

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate undertaking in any Company as distinct from the general undertaking, separate meetings shall be held of the proprietors of the Company and of the separate undertaking, and the provisions of this Order applicable to meetings of proprietors of the Company shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to meetings of proprietors of the separate undertaking.

Meeting of Members of Companies, &c.,in case of certain Bills originating in this House.

63. Every Bill originating in this House, promoted by any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership formed or registered under the Companies Act, 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908, or otherwise constituted (and not being a Company to which the preceding Order applies) shall be referred again to the Examiners, who shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:

In the case of a Company formed or registered under the Companies Act, 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908;

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The Bill as introduced or proposed to be Standing introduced in this House shall be approved compliance by a special resolution of the Company.

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In the case of any other such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership as Examiners. aforesaid:

The Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced in this House shall be consented to by a majority of three-fourths in number and (where applicable) in value of the proprietors or members of such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting convened with notice of the business to be transacted and voting at such meeting; such consent to be certified in writing by the chairman of the meeting.

A copy of such special resolution or certificate of consent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office. ---

The names of the proprietors or members present in person at the meeting shall be recorded by the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership. For this purpose the meeting, and any other consecutive meetings, whether general or special, and whether preceding or following it, shall be deemed to be the same meeting.

A poll may be demanded by any one proprietor or member present in person at the meeting, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in any instrument constituting Standing
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constituting or regulating the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership.

If a poll is taken there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate class of proprietors or members of any Company, Society, Association, or Copartnership, as distinct from the proprietors or members generally, such Bill shall be approved or assented to by the proprietors or members generally, and also by the separate class of proprietors or members, and the provisions of this Order applicable to the proprietors or members generally shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to the separate class of proprietors or members.

Meeting of Proprietors in case of certain Bills originating in House of Lords. 64. In the case of every Bill brought from the House of Lords in which provisions have been inserted in that House, empowering the Promoters thereof, being a Company already constituted by Act of Parliament, to execute, undertake, or contribute towards any work other than that for which it was originally established, or to sell or lease their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to enter into any agreements with any other Company for the working, maintenance, management, or use of the Railway or works of either Company, or any part thereof, or to amalgamate their undertaking, or any part thereof, with any other undertaking,

or to purchase any other undertaking, or part thereof, or any additional lands, or to abandon compliance their undertaking, or any part thereof, or to with which dissolve the said Company, or in which any such provisions originally contained in the Bill Examiners. have been materially altered in that House, or in which any such powers are conferred on any Company not being the Promoters of the Bill, the Examiner shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:-

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The Bill, as introduced or proposed to be introduced into this House, shall be submitted to the proprietors of any such Company, at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

Such meeting shall be called by advertisement inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in some one and the same newspaper published in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, as the case may be, and in some one and the same newspaper of the county or counties in which the principal office or offices of the Company is or are situate; and also by a circular addressed to each proprietor on the register of the Company at his last-known usual address, and sent by post, delivered at such address, not less than Ten days before the holding of such meeting, enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for the use of the same; and the same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be proved before Examiners. sent to every such proprietor; but no such form of proxy shall be stamped before it is sent out, nor shall the funds of the Company be used for the stamping any proxies, nor shall intimation be sent as to any person in whose favour the proxy may be granted, and no other circular or form of proxy relating to such meeting shall be sent to any proprietor from the office of the Company, or by any director or officer of the Company so describing himself.

Such meeting shall be held not earlier than the seventh day after the last insertion of such advertisement, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the Company.

At such meeting the said Bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved by proprietors present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the Company represented by the votes at such meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the Company in right of such capital. The votes of proprietors of any paid-up shares or stock other than debenture stock, not qualified to vote at ordinary meetings, whose interests may be affected by the Bill, if tendered at the meeting shall be recorded separately. The names of the proprietors present in person at the meeting

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There shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and of the number of votes recorded separately.

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate undertaking in any Company as distinct from the general undertaking, separate meetings shall be held of the proprietors of the Company and of the separate undertaking, and the provisions of this Order applicable to meetings of proprietors of the Company shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to meetings of proprietors of the separate undertaking.

65. In the case of every Bill brought from Meeting of Members the House of Lords, in which provisions have Companies. been inserted in that House empowering or certain Bills requiring any Company, Society, Association, originating in House of or Co-partnership formed or registered under Lords. the Companies Act, 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908, or otherwise constituted, and not being a Company to which the preceding Order applies, to do any act not authorized by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of such Company, or other Instrument

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Instrument constituting or regulating such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership, or authorizing or enacting the abandonment of the undertaking, or any part of the undertaking, of any such Company, Society, Association, or Copartnership, or the dissolution thereof, or in which any such provisions originally contained in the Bill have been materially altered in that House, or by which any such powers are conferred on any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership not being the Promoters of the Bill, the Examiner shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:—

In the case of a Company formed or registered under the Companies Act 1862, or the Companies Consolidation Act, 1908,

The Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced into this House shall be approved by a special resolution of the Company.

In the case of any other such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership as aforesaid,

The Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced in this House shall be consented to by a majority of Three-fourths in number and (where applicable) in value of the proprietors or members of such Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership present, in person or by proxy, at a meeting convened with notice of the business to be transacted, and voting at such meeting

meeting, such consent to be certified in writing by the Chairman of the meeting.

A copy of such special resolution or certificate of consent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

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Provided always, that if by the terms of such special resolution or consent the Bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced into the House of Lords shall have been approved or consented to, subject to such additions, alterations, and variations as Parliament may think fit to make therein. then it shall not be necessary for the purposes of this Order to obtain any further approval or consent in respect of any provisions inserted in the Bill in the House of Lords: Provided nevertheless that it shall be competent for the Committee on the Bill, if they think fit, having regard to the nature and effect of such provisions, to require any further evidence of the approval or consent to such provisions on the part of the shareholders or members of the Company, Society, Association, or Copartnership.

The names of the proprietors or members present in person at the meeting shall be recorded by the Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership. For this purpose the meeting, and any other consecutive meetings, whether general or special, and whether preceding or following

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A poll may be demanded by any one proprietor or member present in person at the meeting, notwithstanding anv provision to the contrary contained in any instrument constituting or regulating the Company, Society, Association, or Copartnership.

If a poll is taken, there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office a statement of the number of votes.

So far as any such Bill relates to a separate class of proprietors or members of any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership as distinct from the proprietors or members generally, such Bill shall be approved or assented to by the proprietors or members generally, and also by the separate class of proprietors or members; and the provisions of this Order applicable to the proprietors or members generally shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to the separate class of proprietors or members.

Consent of Proprietors. of any Company to sum authorised to be raised in aid of of another Company.

66. When any Bill originating in this House either as introduced into Parliament, or as amended, or proposed to be amended, on petition for additional provision, contains a provision undertaking authorizing any Company incorporated by Act of Parliament, or any class of holders of share or loan capital in any such Company, to sub- Standing scribe or to alter the terms or conditions of compliance any subscription towards, or to guarantee or to with which raise any money in aid of the undertaking of another Company (which Bill is not brought in Examiners. by the Company so authorized, or of which such Company is not a joint promoter), proof shall be required before the Examiner within five weeks of the date on which the Petition for the same was indorsed by the Examiner, if such provision is contained in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, that the Company or the class of holders of share or loan capital so authorized has consented to such subscription, alteration, guarantee, or raising of money, at a meeting of the proprietors of the Company, or of any such class of holders of share or loan capital, as the case may be, held specially for that purpose, in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as the meeting directed to be held under Standing Order 64; and in case such provision is contained in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, that the Notices for the Bill state the specific sum, if any, proposed to be subscribed, or guaranteed or raised, or the alteration of the terms or conditions of the subscription, as the case may be, or in case such provision shall be proposed to be inserted in the Bill on a petition for additional provision, that Notices stating the specific sum, if any, proposed to be subscribed, or guaranteed or raised

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raised on the alteration of the terms or conditions of the subscription, as the case may be, and stating that the consent of the Company, or of such class of holders of share or loan capital, has been given as aforesaid, have been published once in the London, Edinburgh, or Dublin Gazette, as the case may be, and in the County Newspapers in which the Notices for the Bill were published, for two successive weeks during the six weeks immediately preceding the presentation of such Petition for additional provision; in any case in which such consent has been given, it shall not be necessary to submit the Bill, in respect of such provision as aforesaid, to the approval of a meeting to be held in accordance with Standing Order 64.

Provision as to Railway Bills chargng Payments on Local Rate n Ireland.

67. When in any Railway Bill originating in this House a provision is contained by which the payment of any moneys is directly or contingently charged upon the Poor Rate, or any other Local Rate in *Ireland*, by means of a guarantee or otherwise, such Bill shall be referred again to the Examiners, who shall report as to compliance or non-compliance with the following Order:—

A copy of the Bill, as deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall be submitted to the County Council or other Authority empowered to make such rate, and according as the

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payment of any moneys is by the said Bill proposed to be charged upon a county, or compliance upon one or more urban or rural districts, such Bill shall also be submitted to the County Council for such county, or to the District Council for such district, as the case may be.

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Notice of the intention to submit a copy of such Bill to such County or District Council shall be given Ten days previously to submitting the same to the Secretary or Clerk of such Council, and shall be advertised once in each of two consecutive weeks in some one and the same Morning Newspaper published in Dublin, and in some one and the same Newspaper published or circulating in the county or district upon which it is proposed by the Bill to impose any local rate or charge.

A copy of such Bill shall be so submitted not earlier than Six months before the time fixed for the deposit of such Bill, and not earlier than the Seventh day after the last insertion of such Advertisement; and shall be approved by a majority of the members of the Council then present and voting thereon, and the Resolution of every Council approving the same shall be deposited at the Private Bill Office, together with a statement under the hand of the Chairman presiding when such Resolution was passed, of the number of the members then present and voting.

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# Proceedings of, and in relation to, the Examiners. Examiners.

REFERENCE OF BILLS, &C., TO, AND DUTIES OF, AND PRACTICE BEFORE EXAMINERS.

69. The Examination of the Petitions for When Ex-Private Bills which shall have been duly of Petitions deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall com-to commence. mence on the 18th day of January, in such order and according to such regulations as shall have been made by Mr. Speaker.

70. One of the Examiners shall give at Notice least Seven clear Days' Notice in the Private of Day appointed for Bill Office of the day appointed for the Examination of each Petition which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office; and in case the Promoters shall not appear at the time when the Petition shall come on to be heard, the Examiner to whom the case shall have been allotted shall strike the Petition off. the General List of Petitions, and shall not re-insert the same, except by order of The House.

71. The Examiner shall certify by indorse- Indorsement on each Petition whether the Standing Report as to Orders have or have not been complied with; and, when they have not been complied with,

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Reference to Examiner of additional provision in Private Bills from Lords, &c.

72. All Petitions for additional provision Petitions for in Private Bills, with the proposed Clauses annexed, and all Private Bills brought from the House of Lords, and all Bills introduced by leave of The House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and all Bills to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, after having been read a First time, shall be referred to the Examiners, and the Examiner shall report to The House whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, and when they have not been complied with, the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case, and in the case of any Bill which, in pursuance of any Report from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, has originated in the House of Lords, the compliance with such Standing Orders only as shall not have been previously inquired into shall be proved. In cases where provisions are sought to be inserted upon petition for additional provision which were comprised in the original notices, but were not contained in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, the original notices shall not be held to apply to the additional provisions proposed to be inserted.

In the case of any Provisional Order Con- Proceedfirmation Bill in which provisions have been Examiners. inserted in the House of Lords to which the Standing Orders of this House would apply if the Bill were a Private Bill, the Examiners shall inquire whether, in respect of such provisions, the Standing Orders have been complied with, and report to the House accordingly.

73. In all cases of Petitions for additional Notice in provision in Private Bills and of Private Bills Petitions for brought from the House of Lords, and of additional provision Bills introduced by leave of this House in in Private Bills. &c. lien of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, the Examiner shall give at least Two clear Days' Notice in the Private Bill Office of the day on which the same will be examined; and in the case of a Bill for confirming any Provisional Order or Certificate Two clear Days' Notice shall be given by the Promoters of the Bill in the Private Bill Office of the day on which the same will be examined, but such Notice shall not be given until after the Bill has been printed and circulated.

74. Any parties shall be entitled to appear Memorial and to be heard by themselves, their agents, complaining of Non-comand witnesses, upon a Memorial addressed to pliance. the Examiner, complaining of a non-compliance with the Standing Orders, provided the matter complained of be specifically stated in such Memorial, and the party (if any) who may be specially

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specially affected by the non-compliance with the Standing Orders have signed such Memorial and shall not have withdrawn his signature thereto, and such Memorial have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Locus standi of Proprietors Dissenting at meeting under Orders 62 to 66. 75. In case any proprietor, shareholder, or member of or in any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership shall by himself, or any person authorized to act for him in that behalf, have dissented at any meeting called in pursuance of Standing Orders 62 to 66, such proprietor, shareholder, or member shall be permitted to be heard by the Examiner of Petitions, on the compliance with such Standing Order, by himself, his agents and witnesses, on a Memorial addressed to the Examiner, such Memorial having been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Proof by Affidavit. 76. The Examiner may admit Affidavits in proof of the compliance with the Standing Orders, or may require further evidence; and such Affidavit shall be sworn, if in *England* or in *Ireland*, before a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner for Oaths, and if in *Scotland*, before any Sheriff Depute or his Substitute, or a Justice of the Peace.

Report in cases of Bills originating in the Lords. 77. The Examiner shall make a Report of the several cases in which he shall have certified that the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with in respect of any Bills

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which in pursuance of any Report from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, Examiners. under Standing Order 79, shall originate in the House of Lords; and where they have not been complied with, he shall also report, separately, the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

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78. In case the Examiner shall feel doubts Special Report in as to the due construction of any Standing certain Order in its application to a particular case, he shall make a Special Report of the facts. without deciding whether the Standing Order has or has not been complied with; and in such case he shall indorse the Petition with the words "Special Report," either alone, or if non-compliances with other Standing Orders shall have been proved, in addition to the words "Standing Orders not complied with."

Proceedings of Chairman of Ways and Means. PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COUNSEL TO MR. SPEAKER.

Chairman of Ways and Means to seek a Conference with Chairman of Committees of House of Lords.

79. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means or the Counsel to Mr. Speaker shall, on or before the 28th day of January in each year, seek a conference with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords or with his Counsel for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and such determination shall be reported to The House.

Chairman of Ways and Means to examine all Private Bills, &c.

80. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, with the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, shall examine all Private Bills, whether opposed or unopposed, and call the attention of The House, and also of the Chairman of the Committee on every opposed Private Bill, to all points which may appear to him to require it; and copies of all such Bills shall be laid by the Agent before the said Chairman and Counsel not later than the day after the Examiner of Petitions shall have indorsed the Petition for the Bill.

81. The Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall make a report to The Chairman House previously to the Second Reading of any of Ways and Means. Private Bill by which it is intended to autho-Chairman of rize, confirm, or alter any Contract with any Ways and Means to Department of the Government whereby a report on Bills relatpublic charge has been or may be created; and ing to Gosuch report, together with a copy of the contracts. Contract, and of any Resolution to be proposed in relation thereto, shall be circulated with the Votes Two clear Days at least before the day on which the Resolution is to be considered in a Committee of the Whole House, which consideration shall not take place until after the time of Private Business; nor shall the Report of any such Resolution be considered until Three clear Days at least after the Resolution shall have been agreed to by the Committee

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82. Two clear Days at least before the day Copies of appointed for the consideration of any Private posed to be Bill by a Committee, there shall be laid before submitted to Comthe Chairman of Ways and Means and the mittee, to be Counsel to Mr. Speaker, by the Agent, copies Chairman of Ways and of every such Bill as proposed to be submitted Means, &c. to the Committee, signed by the Agent for the Bill together with copies of the Estimates and statements deposited in accordance with Standing Order 36a (if any).

83. The Chairman of the Committee of Power to Chairman Ways and Means shall be at liberty, at any to report period after any Private Bill shall have been cumstances, referred &c. to The

Proceedings of Chairman of Ways and Means. referred to a Committee, to report to The House any special circumstances relative thereto which may appear to him to require it, or to inform The House that in his opinion any unopposed Private Bill should be treated as an opposed Private Bill.

Copy of Bill as amended in Committee to be laid before Chairman of Ways and Means, &c.

84. Three clear Days at least before the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, a copy of every such Bill, as amended in Committee, shall be laid by the Agent before the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, and deposited at every office at which it was deposited under Standing Orders 33 and 34, or would be required to be deposited under those Orders if it had been originally introduced as amended in Committee.

Clause or Amendment on consideration of Bill, or on Third Reading, to be submitted to Chairman of Ways and Means, &c.

85. When it is intended to bring up any clause, or to propose any amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, the same shall be submitted by the Agent to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. Speaker, on the day on which notice is given thereof in the Private Bill Office.

Copy of Amendments by House of Lords, and 86. A copy of all amendments made in the House of Lords to any Private Bill, and of all amendments to such amendments intended to

be proposed in this House, shall be laid by the Agent before the Chairman of the Committee Agent before the Chairman of the Committee Chairman of Ways and Means and the Counsel to Mr. of Ways, and Means, and Mean Speaker, before Two o'clock on the day previous to that on which the same are respectively of proposed appointed for consideration by the House.

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ments thereto, to be laid before Chairman (f Ways and Means &c.

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PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE REFEREES ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Referees on Private Bills to be constituted.

87. The Chairman of Ways and Means, and the Deputy Chairman, with not less than Seven other persons, who shall be Members of this House, and shall be appointed by Mr. Speaker for such periods as he shall think fit, shall be Referees of The House on Private Bills, and shall have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker; such Referees to form one or more Courts, three at least to be required to constitute each Court.

Rules of Practice and Procedure to be made by Chairman of Ways and Means,

88. The practice and procedure of the Referees, their times of sitting, order of business, and the forms and notices required in their proceedings, shall be prescribed by rules, to be framed by the Chairman of Ways and Means, subject to alteration by him as occasion may require, but only one Counsel shall appear before such Referees in support of a Private Bill, or in support of any Petition in opposition thereto, unless specially authorized by the Referees. All such rules and alterations, when made, to be laid on the Table of The House.

Referees on Private Bills to decide as to locus standi of Petitioners.

89. The Referees shall decide upon all Petitions against Private Bills, or against Provisional Orders, or Provisional Certificates, as

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to the rights of the Petitioners to be heard upon such Petitions, without prejudice, however, to the power of the Select Committee to which the Bill is referred to decide upon any question as to such rights arising incidentally in the course of their proceedings.

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Proceedings of Select Committee on Standing Orders.

PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

Committee Orders.

91. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The Select Committee on Standing on Standing Orders." to consist of *Eleven* Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of whom Five shall be a Quorum.

Report as to dispensing with Standing Orders in cases of non-compliance.

92. When any Report of the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, in which he shall report that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether such Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with, and whether in their opinion the parties should be permitted to proceed with their Bill, or any portion thereof, and under what (if any) conditions.

Report in cases of Bills originating in Lords.

93. The Select Committee on Standing Orders shall have power to report on the cases referred to them in respect of Private Bills originating in the House of Lords, notwithstanding that the Petitions for the same shall not have been presented to The House.

Proceeding in case of Special Report.

94. When any Special Report from the Examiner of Petitions as to the construction of a Standing Order shall have been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall determine, according to their construction

of the Standing Order, and on the facts stated in such Report, whether the Standing Orders Select Comhave or have not been complied with, and they shall then either report to The House that the Standing Orders have been complied with or shall proceed to consider the question of dispensing with the Standing Orders, as the case may be.

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95. When any Petition, praying that any of Report as to the Sessional or Standing Orders of The House with relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, Sessional or Standing shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Orders. Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether such Sessional or Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with.

96. When any Petition for the re-insertion Report as to of any Petition for a Private Bill in the General re-insertion of Petitions. List of Petitions shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to The House whether in their opinion such Petition ought or ought not to be re-inserted, and, if re-inserted, under what (if any) conditions.

97. When any clause or amendment pro- Report in posed on the consideration of any Private Bill Amendordered to lie upon the Table shall have been ments proposed on referred to the Select Committee on Standing considera-Orders, they shall report to The House whether such clause or amendment should be adopted by The House or not, or whether the Bill should be re-committed.

Proceedings of Committee of Selection &c. PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION, AND OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON RAILWAY AND CANAL BILLS.

Committee of Selection.

98. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The Committee of Selection," to consist of *Eleven* Members who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of which Committee *Three* shall be a Quorum.

General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills. 99. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills," which shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session by the Committee of Selection, of which Committee Three shall be a Quorum.

Committee of Selection may discharge Members and add others. 100. The Committee of Selection may, from time to time, discharge Members from further attendance on such General Committee, and add other Members in their room, and shall appoint the Chairman of such Committee.

General Committee to appoint Chairmen. 101. The General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall appoint from among themselves the Chairman of each Committee on a Railway or Canal Bill, or on a Group of such Bills, and may change the Chairman so appointed from time to time.

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102. Printed Copies of all Private Bills, not being Railway or Canal Bills, shall be laid Committee before the Committee of Selection, and Printed of Selection, Copies of all Railway and Canal Bills before the Printed General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, Copies of Bills to be by the parties promoting the same, at the first laid before Committee Meeting of the said Committees respectively. of Selection and General

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103. The Committee of Selection may, if Committee they think fit, form into Groups all Private and General Bills, not being Railway or Canal Bills, and the Committee General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills Private Bills. may form into Groups all Railway and Canal Bills, which, in their opinion, it may be expedient to submit to the same Committee, and such Groups shall be published in the Votes.

Committee.

104. The General Committee on Railway Railway and and Canal Bills shall refer every unopposed Canal unopposed Railway or Canal Bill to the Committee on Bills. Unopposed Bills.

105. The Committee of Selection, in the case Committee of all Private Bills other than Railway and of Selection and General Canal Bills, and the General Committee on Committee on Committee Railway and Canal Bills in the case of such accept to Railway and Canal Bills in the case of such appoint Bills, shall, subject to the Order in regard to first Sitting of Comthe interval between the Committal of every mittee. Private Bill and the Sitting of the Committee thereupon, fix the time for holding the First Sitting of every Committee on a Private Bill which N 4

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which shall have been referred to either of the Committee said Committees.

Committee of Selection and General Committee to name Bill or Bills to be considered on the First Day.

106. The Committee of Selection shall name the Bill or Bills which shall be taken into consideration on the first day of the meeting of the Committee on any Group of Bills not being Railway or Canal Bills; and the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills shall name the Bill or Bills which shall be taken into consideration on the first day of the meeting of each Committee on any Group of such Bills.

Bills not to be considered opposed.

107. The Committee of Selection shall consider no Bill as an opposed Private Bill, unless, within the time appointed by Standing Order 128, a Petition shall have been presented against it, in which the Petitioner or Petitioners shall have prayed to be heard, by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, or unless, where no such Petition shall have peen presented, the Chairman of the Committee of Wavs and Means shall have reported to The House that in his opinion any Bill ought to be so treated.

Committees on opposed Private Bills.

108. The Committee of Selection shall refer every opposed Private Bill, which shall have been referred to them, or any Group of such Bills, to a Chairman and Three Members, and a Referee or a Chairman and Three Members, not locally or otherwise interested therein.

109. The Committee of Selection shall refer Proceedevery unopposed Private Bill, which shall have Committee been referred to them, to the Committee on unopposed Bills, which shall be composed of committees five Members, namely, the Chairman of Ways on unopposed and Means (who when present shall be ex-officio Private Bills. Chairman of every such Committee), the Deputy Chairman, two Members from time to time selected by the Chairman of Ways and Means from a panel to be appointed by the Committee of Selection at the commencement of every Session, and Counsel to Mr. Speaker, and three shall be the quorum thereof.

110. The Committee of Selection shall give Preliminary each Member not less than Seven Days' notice, Members. by publication in the Votes or otherwise, of the week in which it will be necessary for him to be in attendance for the purpose of serving, if required, as a Member, not locally or otherwise interested, of a Committee on a Private Bill.

111. The Committee of Selection shall give Notice of to each Member sufficient notice of his appoint-ment and ment as a Member of a Committee on any Declaration. Private Bill, or Group of such Bills, and, in every case where a Declaration is required to be signed and returned by such Member, shall transmit to him a blank form of the Declaration required, with a request that it may forthwith be returned properly filled up and signed.

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112. The Committee of Selection shall report Proceedings of Committee to The House the name of every Member from of Selection whom they shall not have received in due time cс. such Declaration, so filled up and signed, or, in Members returning no lieu thereof, an excuse which they shall deem answer to be sufficient. reported.

Committee of Selection may substitute others.

113. The Committee of Selection shall have the power of discharging any Member or Mem-Members for bers of a Committee, and of substituting other Members.

Committee of Selection Persons, &c.

114. The Committee of Selection shall have may send for power, in the execution of their duties, to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES ON OPPOSED BILLS.

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115. The Committee on every opposed Railway and Canal Bill, or Group of Railway committees and Canal Bills, shall be composed of Four Railway Members and a Referee, or Four Members not and Canal Bills. locally or otherwise interested in the Bill or Bills referred to them; the Chairman to be appointed by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, and Three other Members by the Committee of Selection.

116. The Committee on every opposed Committees Private Bill (not being a Railway, Canal, or Private Divorce Bill), or Group of Bills, and the Committee on any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be composed of a Chairman and Three Members and a Referee, or a Chairman and Three Members not locally or otherwise interested in the Bill or Bills referred to them, to be appointed by the Committee of Selection.

117. Each Member of a Committee on an Declaration opposed Private Bill, or Group of such Bills, of Members. shall, before he be entitled to attend and vote on such Committee, sign the following Declaration:

I do hereby declare, That my constituents have no local interest, and that I have no personal interest, in such Bill; and that I will never vote on any question which may arise without having duly heard and attended to the Evidence relating thereto.

And no such Committee shall proceed to business until the said Declaration shall have been so signed by each of such Members.

Quorum.

- 118. Committees shall not be allowed to proceed if more than One of their Members be absent, unless by special leave of The House.
- Members not to absent themselves.
- 119. No Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall absent himself from his duties thereon, except in the case of sickness, or by order of The House.

Chairman's absence.

120. If the Chairman shall be absent from the Committee, the Member next in rotation on the List of Members who shall be present shall act as Chairman, but in the case of Railway and Canal Bills, only until the General Committee on such Bills shall have appointed, if they shall so think fit, another Chairman.

Proceedings to be suspended if Quorum not present.

121. If at any time during the sitting of any Committee more than One of the Members be absent, the Chairman shall suspend the proceedings of such Committee; and if at the expiration of One Hour from the time fixed for the meeting of the Committee, or from the time when the Chairman shall so have suspended the proceedings, more than One Member be absent, the Committee shall be adjourned to the next day on which The House shall sit, and then shall meet at the hour on which such Committee would have sat, had no such adjournment taken place.

122. If any of the Members shall not be Proceedpresent within One Hour after the time ap- Committees pointed for the meeting of the Committee, or if on Opposed Bills. anv Member shall absent himself from his Members duties on such Committee, every such Member absent to be reported shall be reported to The House at its next sitting. to The House,

123. If, at any time after the Committee on Absence of a Bill shall have been formed, a Quorum of Members by Members required by the Standing Orders of the reported. cannot attend in consequence of any of the Members who shall have duly qualified to serve on such Committee having become incompetent to continue such service by death or otherwise, the Chairman shall report the circumstances of the case to The House, in order that such measures may be taken by The House as shall enable the Members still remaining on the Committee to proceed with the business referred to such Committee, or as the emergency of the case may require.

124. All questions before Committees on Method of Private Bills shall be decided by a majority of deciding Questions. voices, including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever the voices are equal the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

125. The Committee on each Group of Bills Order in shall take the Bill or Bills first into considera- are to be tion which shall have been named by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills; and the Committee shall, from time to time, appoint the day on

which they will enter upon the consideration of each of the remaining Bills, and on which they will require the parties severally promoting or opposing the same to enter appearances; and Two clear Days' notice, at the least, of such appointment shall be given by the Clerk attending the Committee to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office; and in case the Committee shall postpone the consideration of any Bill, notice shall be given of the day to which the same is postponed.

Causes of Adjournment to be specially reported. 126. Every Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall report specially to The House the cause of any Adjournment over any day on which The House shall sit.

Petition against Bill must distinctly specify grounds of objection. 127. No Petition against a Private Bill, or a Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be taken into consideration by the Committee on such Bill, which shall not distinctly specify the ground on which the Petitioners object to any of the provisions thereof; and the Petitioners shall be only heard on such grounds so stated; and if it shall appear to the said Committee, that such grounds are not specified with sufficient accuracy, the Committee may direct that there be given in to the Committee a more specific statement, in writing, but limited to such grounds of Objection so inaccurately specified.

Limit of Time of presenting 128. No Petitioners against any Private Bill, or any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be heard Proceedbefore the Committee on the Bill, unless their Committees Petition shall have been prepared and signed in strict conformity with the Rules and Orders of Petition this House, and shall have been presented to against Rills. this House by having been deposited in the Private Bill Office, in the case of Private Bills. on or before the 12th day of February, and in the case of Bills originating in this House to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, not later than Seven clear Days after notice shall have been given of the day on which the Bill will be examined, except where the Petitioners shall complain of any matter which may have arisen during the Progress of the Bill before the said Committee, or of any proposed additional provision, or of the Amendments as proposed in the filled up Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office: Provided that in the case of-

- (a) any Bill brought from the House of Lords: and
- (b) any Bill as to which compliance with the Standing Order as to the time for depositing the Bill has been dispensed with; and
- (c) any Bill promoted by the London County Council and introduced under Standing Order 194;

a petition against the Bill may be deposited at any time not later than Ten clear Days after the First Reading of the Bill.

129. It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit Petitioners to be heard upon their Petitions against a Private Bill. on Competition the ground of competition, if they shall think fit.

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· 130. Where a Bill is promoted by an Incorporated Company, Shareholders of such Company shall not be entitled to be heard before the Committee against such Bill, unless their interests as affected thereby, shall be distinct from the general interests of such Company.

Locus standi of dissenting Shareholders.

131. In case any Proprietor, Shareholder, or Member of or in any Company, Society, Association, or Co-partnership, shall by himself or any person authorized to act for him in that behalf, have dissented at any meeting called in pursuance of Standing Orders 62 to 66, or at any meeting called in pursuance of any similar Standing Order of the House of Lords, such Proprietor, Shareholder, or Member shall be permitted to be heard by the Committee on the Bill on a Petition presented to the House, such Petition having been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Locus standi of Railway Companies.

132. Where a Railway Bill contains provisions for taking or using any part of the Lands, Railway, Stations or Accommodations another Company, or for running Engines or Carriages upon or across the same, or for granting other facilities, such Company shall be entitled to be heard upon their Petition against

such provisions or against the Preamble and Clauses of such Bill

Proceedings of Committees on Opposed Bills.

133. Where any body of persons corporate Locus or unincorporated sufficiently representing a bodies reparticular trade, business, or interest in any dis-presenting trades, &c. trict to which any Railway Bill relates, petition against the Bill, alleging that such trade, business, or interest will be injuriously affected by the rates and fares proposed to be authorized by the Bill, or is injuriously affected by the rates and fares already authorized by Acts relating to the Railway undertaking, it shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners to be heard, on such allegation, against the Bill, or any part thereof, or against the rates and fares authorized by the said Acts, or any of them.

The provisions of this Order relative to rates and fares already authorized, extend to Traders and Freighters, and to a single Trader, in any case where a locus standi would have been allowed to them or him, if this Order had not been made.

Nothing in this Order shall authorize the Referees to entertain any question within the jurisdiction of the Railway Commissioners.

133a. Where any Society or Association, Locus sufficiently representing a trade, business, or Associainterest in any district to which any Bill relates. tions, &c. petition against the Bill, alleging that such trade, business, or interest will be injuriously

affected by the provisions contained therein, it shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners to be heard on such allegations against the Bill or any part thereof.

Locus standi of Municipal Authorities and Inhabitants of Towns, &c.

134. It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the municipal or other authority having the local management of the metropolis, or of any town or district, or the inhabitants of any town or district alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill, to be heard against such Bill, if they shall think fit.

Local authorities to standiagainst Lighting and Water Bills.

134a. The municipal or other local authohave a locus rity of any town or district alleging in their Petition that such town or district may be injuriously affected by the provisions of any Bill relating to the lighting or water supply thereof, or the raising of capital for any such purpose, shall be entitled to be heard against such Bill.

Locus standi of County Councils.

134b. It shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the Council of any administrative county or county borough, or being a Joint Committee of Councils of administrative counties county boroughs, the whole or any part of which is alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill, to be heard against such Bill if they think fit.

134c. The Council of any administrative Proceedcounty alleging in their Petition that such Committees administrative county, or any part thereof, on Opposed Bills. may be injuriously affected (A) by the provisions County of any Bill relating to the water supply of any Council to have a locus town or district, whether situate within or with- standi out such county, or (B) by the provisions of any Water Bill Bill proposing to authorize the construction or way Bill. reconstruction of any Tramway along any main road, or along any other road to the maintenance and repair of which the County Council contributes, within the administrative county, shall be entitled to be heard against such Bill.

134d. Where any owner, lessee, or occupier, Locus or where any Conservancy or other authority owners of charged with the control of river or other Rivers or River Conwaters, petitions against a Bill alleging that servancies, &c. under its provisions any water or water supply of which they may legally avail themselves will be diminished or injuriously affected, it shall be competent to the Referees on private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the Petitioners to be heard against the Bill or any part thereof.

134e. It shall be competent to the Referees Locus on Private Bills, if they think fit, to admit the couserva-Petitioners, being the Conservators, constituted tors of Forests, under Act of Parliament, or under a Scheme or Commons or Open an Order of the Board of Agriculture, having Spaces. the control, regulation, or management of any forest, common, or open space alleged to be injuriously affected by a Bill, to be heard against such Bill.

Locus standi of Owners, &c., against framway Bills.

135. The owner, lessee, or occupier of any house, shop, or warehouse in any street or road through which it is proposed to construct any Tramway, and who alleges in any Petition against a Private Bill or Provisional Order that the construction or use of the Tramway proposed to be authorized thereby will injuriously affect him in the use or enjoyment of his premises, or in the conduct of his trade or business, shall be entitled to be heard on such allegations before any Select Committee to which such Private Bill, or the Bill relating to such Provisional Order, is referred, and it shall be competent to the Referees on Private Bills to admit the Petitioners, being the owners, lessees, or occupiers of any house, shop, or warehouse having its access materially dependent on such street or road, and making the aforesaid allegations, to be heard against the Bill, if they think fit.

When opposed Bill may be treated as unopposed.

136. In all cases of opposed Private Bills, in which no parties shall have appeared on the Petitions against such Bills, or having appeared shall have withdrawn their opposition before the evidence of the Promoters shall have been commenced, the Committees on such Bills shall forthwith refer them back, with a statement of the facts, if not Railway or Canal Bills, to the Committee of Selection, and if Railway and Canal Bills, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, who shall deal with them as Unopposed Bills.

PROCEEDINGS OF, AND IN RELATION TO, COM-MITTEES ON BILLS. WHETHER OPPOSED Committees on Bills. OR UNOPPOSED.

137. At the first Meeting of the Committee, Copies of copies of the Bill, as proposed to be submitted Bill to be to them and signed by the Agent, shell be led laid before to them, and signed by the Agent, shall be laid by him before each Member of the Committee.

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138. No Member, locally or otherwise Local Meminterested, of a Committee on any Unopposed vote, Private Bill shall have a Vote on any question that may arise, but every such Member shall be entitled to attend and take part in the proceedings of the Committee.

139. The Names of the Members attending Names of each Committee shall be entered by the Clerk be entered on the Minutes of the Committee; and if any ou Minutes. Division shall take place in the Committee, the Clerk shall take down the Names of Members voting in any such Division, distinguishing on which side of the question they respectively vote, and such Lists shall be given in with the Report to The House.

140. No Committee shall have power to Committee examine into the compliance or non-compliance on Bill not to inquire with such Standing Orders as are directed to be into certain proved before the Examiner of Petitions for Orders.

Private Bills, unless by special order of The House.

Committee proof of compliance with Standing Orders.

141. The Committee on any Private Bill may admit Affidavits in proof of the compliance with such Standing Orders of The House as are directed to be proved before them, or may require further evidence; and such Affidavits shall be sworn, if in England or in Ireland, before a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner for Oaths, and if in Scotland, before any Sheriff Depute or his substitute, or a Justice of the Peace.

Proof of Consents.

142. The Committee may admit proof of the Consents of parties concerned in interest in any Private Bill, by Affidavits sworn as aforesaid, or by the Certificate in writing of such parties, whose signatures to such Certificate shall be proved by One or more Witnesses, unless the Committee shall require further evidence

Rights of Petitioners.

143. A Petitioner against a Bill originating in the House of Lords who has discussed clauses in that House shall not on that account be precluded from opposing the Preamble of the Bill in this House.

Clause compelling payment of Subscriptions.

144. In all Bills presented to The House for carrying on any work by means of a Company. Commissioners or Trustees, provision shall be made for compelling Persons who have subscribed any Money towards carrying any such

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work into execution to make payment of the Proceedsums severally subscribed by them.

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145. Where the level of any Road shall be Level of altered in making any public work, the ascent Roads. of any Main Road shall not be more than One foot in 30 feet, and of any other public carriageroad not more than One foot in 20 feet; and a good and sufficient Fence, of Four feet high at the least, shall be made on each side of every bridge which shall be erected.

145a. In the case of any Bill relating to a Tolls, &c. Railway, Tramway, Canal, Dock, Harbour, Navigation, Pier, or Port, seeking powers to levy tolls, rates, or duties in excess of those already authorized for that undertaking, or usually authorized in previous years for like undertakings, the Bill shall not be reported by the Committee until a Report from the Board of Trade on the powers so sought has been laid before the Committee; and the Committee shall report specially to the House in what manner the recommendations or observations in the Report of the Board of Trade, and also in what manner the clauses of the Bill relating to the powers so sought, have been dealt with by the Committee.

146. Every Plan and Book of Reference Plan, &c. to thereto, which shall be produced in evidence Chairman. before the Committee upon any Private Bill (whether the same shall have been previously

lodged in the Private Bill Office or not), shall be signed by the Chairman of such Committee, with his Name at length; and he shall also mark with the Initials of his Name every alteration of such Plan and Book of Reference which shall be agreed upon by the said Committee; and every such Plan and Book of Reference shall thereafter be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Committee Bill and Clauses to be signed by Chairman.

147. The Chairman of the Committee shall sign, with his Name at length, a printed Copy of the Bill (to be called the Committee Bill), on which the Amendments are to be fairly written; and also sign, with the Initials of his Name, the several clauses added in the Committee.

Chairman to report on allegations of Bill, &c.

148. The Chairman of the Committee shall report to The House, the allegations of the Bill have been examined; and whether the parties concerned have given their Consent (where such Consent is required by the Standing Orders) to the satisfaction of the Committee

Chairman to report Bill in all cases.

149. The Chairman of the Committee shall report the Bill to The House, whether the Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several clauses, or any of them; or where the parties shall have acquainted the Committee that it is not their intention to proceed with the Bill; and when

any alteration shall have been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, together committees with the ground of making it, shall be specially stated in the Report.

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150. Whenever a recommendation shall Recommenhave been made in a Report on a Private Bill Government from a Department of the Government referred ments. to the Committee, the Committee shall notice such recommendation in their Report, and shall state their reasons for dissenting, should such recommendation not be agreed to.

151. Whenever The House shall order that Proceedings any Bill for confirming a Provisional Order, or confirming a Provisional Certificate be referred to the Orders, &c. Committee of Selection with respect to any Order or Certificate to be confirmed thereby, the Proceedings of the Select Committee to which the Bill is referred, and of the Referees, shall be conducted in like manner as in the case of Private Bills, and shall be subject to the same Rules and Orders of The House so far as they are applicable, except those which relate to the payment of fees by the Promoters of such Provisional Order or Certificate.

152. The Minutes of the Committee on Minutes of every Private Bill shall be brought up and laid Committee. on the Table of the House, with the Report of the Bill.

# Railway, Tramroad, Tramway, and Subway Bills.

Restrictions as to Mortgage. 153. In the case of a Railway or Tramway Bill, a Company shall not be authorized to raise, by Loan or Mortgage, a larger sum than One-third of their capital; or until Fifty percent. on the whole of the capital shall have been paid up, to raise any Money, by Loan or Mortgage, unless the Committee on the Bill shall report that such restrictions or either of them ought not to be enforced, with the reasons on which their opinion is founded.

Limiting Ascent of Roads where Level is altered.

154. Where the level of any road shall be altered in making any Railway, the ascent of any Turnpike Road, or of any Road in Ireland, so defined in the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall not be more than One foot in 30 feet, and of any other public carriage-road not more than One foot in 20 feet, unless a Report thereupon from some Officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, and hearing the Officer if the Committee think fit, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend steeper ascents, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded: Also, a good and sufficient Fence, of Four feet high at the least, shall be made on each side of every Bridge which shall be erected.

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155. No Railway whereon carriages are Level moved by mechanical power shall be authorized Crossings. to be made across any Railway, Tramway, Tramroad or public carriage-road on the level. and no tramway shall be authorised to be made across any railway on the level, unless a Report thereupon from some Officer of the Board of Trade shall be laid before the Committee on the Bill, and unless the Committee, after considering such Report, and hearing the Officer, if the Committee think fit, if they shall disagree with the said Report, shall recommend such level crossing, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded; and in every clause authorizing a level crossing thenumber of lines of rails authorized to be made at such crossing shall be specified.

156. No Railway Company shall be autho- Acquisition rized to construct or enlarge, purchase, or take Docks, &c. on lease, or otherwise appropriate any Canal, Companies. Dock, Pier, Harbour, or Ferry, or to acquire and use any steam-vessels for the conveyance of goods and passengers, or to apply any portion of their capital or revenue to other objects, distinct from the Undertaking of a Railway Company, unless the Committee on the Bill report that such a restriction ought not to be enforced, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded.

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157. Every Committee on a Railway Bill shall report specially to The House,—

Reports of Public Departments. Whether any Report from any Public Department in regard to the Bill, or the objects thereof, has been referred by The House to the Committee; and, if so, in what manner the several recommendations contained in such Report have been dealt with by the Committee:

Whether it be intended that the Railway shall cross on a level any Railway, Tramway, Tramroad, or Highway:

And any other circumstances which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that The House should be informed of.

Generating Stations. 157a. In the case of any Bill relating to the generation of electricity for supply to persons or bodies other than the Promoters, the Bill shall not be reported by the Committee until a Report from the Board of Trade and His Majesty's Office of Works on the powers sought has been laid before the Committee; and the Committee shall report specially to The House in what manner the recommendations or observations in the Report of the Board of Trade and His Majesty's Office of Works, and also in what manner the clauses of the Bill relating to the powers sought, have been dealt with by the Committee.

158. In every Railway Bill, Tramway Bill, and Subway Bill, whereby the construction of Committees any new line of Railway, Tramway, or Subway is authorized, or the time for completing any Limit of Time for line already authorized is extended, promoted by completion of Line. an existing Railway Company, Tramway Company, or Subway Company, which is possessed of a Railway, Tramway, or Subway already opened for public traffic, and which has, during the year last past, paid dividends on its ordinary share capital, and which does not propose to raise under the Bill a capital greater than its existing authorized capital, there shall be inserted a clause to the following effect, viz. :-

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(A.) If the Company fail within the period limited by this Act to complete the Railway or Tramway authorized to be made by this Act, the Company shall be liable to a penalty of 50l. a day for every day after the expiration of the period so limited until the said Railway, Tramway, or Subway is completed and opened for public traffic, or until the sum received in respect of such penalty shall amount to five per cent, on the estimated cost of the works; and the said penalty may be applied for by any landowner or other person claiming to be compensated or interested in accordance with the provisions of the next following section of this Act, and in the same manner as the penalty provided in the 3rd section of the Act 17 & 18

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Vict. c. 31, known as "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854," and every sum of Money recovered by way of such penalty as aforesaid shall be paid under the warrant or order of such Court or Judge as is specified in the said 3rd section of the Act 17 & 18 Vict. c. 31, to an account opened or to be opened in the name and with the privity of the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court in England [the King's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, or the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in Ireland (according as the Railway, Tramway, or Subway is situate in England, Scotland, or Ireland,)) in the bank named in such order, and shall not be paid thereout except as hereinafter provided; but no penalty shall accrue in respect of any time during which it shall appear, by a certificate to be obtained from the Board of Trade, that the Company was prevented from completing or opening such line by unforeseen accident or circumstances beyond their control: Provided, That the want of sufficient funds shall not be held to be a circumstance beyond their control.

## Railway, Tramway, or Subway Deposits.

Deposit to be impounded as or Subway Bill whereby the construction of any

new line is authorized, or the time for com- Proceedpleting any line already authorized is extended; committees if such Bill be promoted by an existing Railway Company, Tramway Company, or Subway security for completion Company which is not possessed of a Railway, of the Line. Tramway, or Subway already opened for public traffic, or which has not during the year last past paid dividends on its ordinary share capital; or by an existing Railway Company. Tramway Company, or Subway Company, when the capital to be raised under the Bill is greater than the existing authorized capital of the Company, or by persons not already incorporated, a clause to the following effect shall be inserted, viz.:-

(B.) Whereas, pursuant to the Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament, and to "The Parliamentary Deposits Act, 1846," a sum of £ , being five per cent. upon the amount of the Estimate in respect of the Railway or Tramway, authorized by this Act, has been deposited with the Court, that is to say, the Paymaster General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court in England [or the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, or the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in Ireland, as the case may be]; [or Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds to the amount of , have been deposited or transferred pursuant to the said Act, as the case may bel,

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in respect of the application to Parliament for this Act (which Sum, Exchequer Bills, Stocks, or Funds, as the case may be, is or are in this Act referred to as "the Deposit Fund"): Be it enacted, That notwithstanding anything contained in the said recited Act, the Deposit Fund shall not be paid or transferred to or on the application of the person or persons, or the majority of the persons, named in the warrant or order issued in pursuance of the said Act, or the survivors or survivor of them (which persons, survivors, or survivor, are or is in this Act referred to as the "depositors") unless the Company shall, previously to the expiration of the period limited by this Act for completion of the Railway [Tramway or Subway] hereby authorized to be made [or the time for completing which is hereby extended], open the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] for public traffic [or, if a passenger Railway, for the public conveyance of passengers], and if the Company shall make default in so opening the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] the Deposit Fund shall be applicable, and shall be applied as provided by the next following Section. And to such Clause the Committee may, if they think fit, add a proviso to the following effect :- Provided, That, if within such period as aforesaid the Company open any portion of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway | for public traffic [or, if a passenger Railway

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Railway, for the public conveyance of pas- Proceedsengers, then on production of a certificate committees of the Board of Trade, specifying the length of the portion of the said Railway [Tramway or Subwayl opened as aforesaid, and the portion of the deposit fund which bears to the whole of the deposit fund the same proportion as the length of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway] so opened bears to the entire length of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway | hereby authorized, the High Court shall, on the application of the depositors, order the said portion of the deposit fund so specified in such certificate as aforesaid to be paid or transferred to them, or as they shall direct; and the certificate of the Board of Trade shall. if signed by the Secretary, or by an Assistant Secretary of the said Board, be sufficient evidence of the facts therein certified; and it shall not be necessary to produce any certificate of this Act having passed, anything in the recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

In every Railway Bill, Tramway Bill, or Subway Bill, whereby the construction of any new line of Railway, Tramway, or Subway is authorized, or the time for completing any line already authorized is extended, a clause to the following effect shall be inserted:-

(C.) If the Company do not, previously to the expiration of the period limited by this Act for the completion of the Railway [Tram-

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way or Subway] hereby authorized to be made (or the time for completion which is hereby extended) complete the said Railway [Tramway or Subway and open it for public traffic for, if a passenger Railway, for the public conveyance of passengers], then and in every such case the deposit fund, or so much thereof as shall not have been paid to the depositors, or any sum of money recovered by way of penalty as aforesaid, shall be applicable, and, after due notice in the "London Gazette" or "Edinburgh" or "Dublin Gazette," as the case may require], shall be applied towards compensating any landowners or other persons whose property may have been interfered with, or otherwise rendered less valuable, by the commencement, construction, or abandonment of the said Railway [Tramway or Subway], or any portion thereof, or who may have been subjected to injury or loss in consequence of the compulsory powers of taking property conferred upon the Company by this Act, [and also (in the case of a Tramway) in compensating all road authorities for the expense incurred by them in taking up any Tramway, or materials connected therewith, placed by the Company in or on any road vested in or maintainable by such road authorities respectively, and in making good all damage caused to such roads by the construction or abandonment of such Tramway], and shall be distributed in satisfaction of such compensation

compensation as aforesaid, in such manner and Proceedin such proportions as to the Court may seem committees fit; and if no such compensation shall be payable, or if a portion of the deposit fund (or of the sum or sums of money recovered by way of penalty as aforesaid) shall have been found sufficient to satisfy all just claims in respect of such compensation, then the Deposit Fund (or the sum or sums of money recovered by way of penalty as aforesaid), or such portion thereof as may not be required as aforesaid, shall, if a receiver has been appointed, or the Company is insolvent and has been ordered to be wound up, or the undertaking [in the case of a penalty the Railway or Railways in respect of which the penalty has been incurred or any part thereof], has been abandoned, be paid or transferred to such receiver, or to the liquidator or liquidators of the Company, or be applied, in the discretion of the Court, as part of the assets of the Company for the benefit of the creditors thereof, and subject to such application, shall be repaid or retransferred to the depositors (Company): Provided, That until the Deposit Fund shall have been repaid to the depositors, or shall have become otherwise applicable as hereinbefore mentioned, any interest or dividends accruing thereon shall from time to time, and as often as the same shall become payable, be paid to or on the application of the depositors.

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N.B.—If the Clause lettered (A) is inserted in the Bill, the proviso at the end of the clause lettered (C) shall be omitted. In the case of a Railway Company omit the words "and has been ordered to be wound up," and "or to the liquidator or liquidators of the Company," and where there is no deposit omit the proviso.

(D.) If the Railway [or Tramway] authorized by this Act shall not be completed within the period limited by this Act, then, on the expiration of such period, the powers by this Act granted to the Company for making and completing the said Railway [or Tramway], or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed. The period limited shall not in the case of a new Railway, Tramroad, or Tramway line exceed five years, and the extension of time for completion shall not exceed three years, unless the Committee on the Bill think fit, in the special circumstances of the case, to allow a longer period. In the case of extension of time the additional period shall be computed from the expiration of the period sought to be extended.

In any Railway Bill or Tramway Bill to which the preceding provisions are not applicable, the Committee on the Bill shall make such other provision as they shall deem necessary for ensuring the completion of the line of Railway or Tramway.

158b. In the case of every Bill authorizing Proceedthe abandonment of a Railway, Tramway, or committees Subway, or of any part thereof, and the release of any deposit money impounded as security Report in case of for the completion thereof, a Report from the abandon-Board of Trade respecting the Bill, and the way, Tramobjects thereof, shall be presented to this House, way for Sub-and be referred to the Committee on the Bill; and release of Deposit and the Committee shall report specially to the Money. House in what manner the several recommendations contained in the Report from the Board of Trade have been dealt with by the Committee.

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159. The Committee on every Railway Bill Committee to fix the shall fix the maximum Rates of Charge for the Rates and conveyance of Passengers, with a due amount of Luggage, such rates to include every expense incidental to such conveyance, and shall also fix the Charges for the conveyance of Parcels by passenger train; but if the Committee shall not deem it expedient to determine such maximum Rates of Charge, a Special Report, explanatory of the grounds of their omitting so to do, shall be made to The House, which Special Report shall accompany the Report of the Bill.

160. In every Railway Bill by which it is Provision proposed to authorize the Company to grant any ference in preference or priority in the payment of Interest payment of or Dividends on any Shares or Stock, there shall be inserted a clause providing that the granting of such preference or priority shall not prejudice

or affect any preference or priority in the payment of Interest or Dividends on any other Shares or Stock which shall have been granted by the Company in pursuance of or which may have been confirmed by any previous Act of Parliament, or which may otherwise be lawfully subsisting, unless the Committee on the Bill shall report that such Provision ought not to be required, with the Reasons on which their opinion is founded.

Company not to alter any preference previously granted. 161. No Railway Company shall be authorized to alter the terms of any preference or priority of Interest or Dividend which shall have been granted by such Company in pursuance of or which may have been confirmed by any previous Act of Parliament, or which may otherwise be lawfully subsisting, unless the Committee on the Bill report that such alteration ought to be allowed, with the Reasons on which their opinion is founded, together with the number of Preference Shareholders who have assented to or dissented from such alteration.

No powers of purchasing, &c. Steam Vessels in Railway Bills. 162. No powers of purchasing, hiving, or providing Steam Vessels shall be contained in a Bill by which any other powers are sought to be obtained by a Railway Company, except when the transit by such Steam Vessels is required to connect portions of Railway belonging to or proposed to be constructed by such Company.

163. No powers of purchase, sale, lease or Proceedamalgamation shall be given to any Railway committees Company, with reference to any other undertaking already authorized by any Act or Acts, of purchase. nor to any other incorporated Company, with &r. to be given, except reference to any Railway, unless, previously to after proof of certain the application to Parliament for such purpose, matters before the several Companies who may be parties to Board of such purchase, sale, lease or amalgamation shall Trade, &c. have proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade that they have respectively paid up onehalf of the capital authorized to be raised by any previous Act or Acts by means of Shares, and have expended for the purposes of such Act or Acts a sum equal thereto; and in case such powers shall be applied for in respect of works intended to be authorized by any Bill or Bills of the same Session, it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade that such Companies have respectively paid up one-half the amount of their Capital, and that the Company proposed to be empowered to construct such works have included in such amount the capital proposed to be authorized by such Bill or Bills; and that no such powers shall be given in respect of works intended to be authorized by any Act or Acts for which it is intended to apply in any subsequent Session.

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164. No Railway Company shall be autho- Railway rized, except for the execution of its original Company Line or Lines sanctioned by Act of Parliament, guarantee.

dividend before completion of Line. to guarantee interest on any shares which it may issue for creating additional Capital, or to guarantee any rent or dividend to any other Railway Company, until such first-mentioned Company shall have completed and opened for traffic such original Lines.

Limitation of Capital on amalgamation of Companies.

165. In Bills for the Amalgamation of Railway Companies, the amount of Capital created by such Amalgamation shall in no case exceed the sum of the Capitals of the Companies so amalgamated.

Limit to additional Capital of purchasing Company. 166. In Bills for empowering any Railway Company to purchase any other Railway, no addition shall be authorized to be made to the Capital of the purchasing Company, beyond the Amount of the Capital of the Railway purchased; and in case such Railway shall be purchased at a premium, no addition on account of such premium shall be made to the Capital of the purchasing Company.

Application of provisions of "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act 1888," as to revision of Rates.

166a. In the case of every Bill for incorporating a Railway, Canal, or Tramroad Company, or for giving any powers to an existing Railway, Canal, or Tramroad Company to which no Rates and Charges Order Confirmation Act expressly applies, the Committee on the Bill shall fix the Rates and Charges for merchandise traffic (including small parcels of a perishable nature conveyed by passenger train exceeding 56 lbs. in weight) by reference to the

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Rates and Charges Order Confirmation Act of some other Company which, in the opinion of Committees the Committee will properly and committee on Bills. the Committee, will properly and conveniently apply; and the Committee shall, in the case of an existing Company, provide that the Rates and Charges for merchandise traffic, and such small parcels, as aforesaid so fixed, shall be in substitution for the Rates and Charges for similar traffic authorized to be taken by the Company under their existing Acts.

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If in any such Bill other than a Railway Bill the Committee shall be of opinion that no such Act as aforesaid will properly and conveniently apply, they shall insert a clause to the following effect:-

> Section 24 of "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888," and any enactment which may be passed in the present or any future Session of Parliament extending or modifying that enactment shall, with any necessary modifications, apply to the Company in all respects as if it were one of the Companies to which the provisions of the said enactment in terms applied. Provided that the time within which the revised schedule of maximum rates and charges prescribed by the said section shall be submitted to the Board of Trade shall be three years from the date of the passing of this Act, or such further time as the Board of Trade may permit.

Clause that no Interest or Dividend be paid on Calls. Railway Bill prohibiting the payment of any Interest or Dividend to any Shareholder on the amount of the Calls made in respect of the Shares held by him, except such interest or money advanced by any Shareholder beyond the amount of the Calls actually made as is in conformity with the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Companies Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, as the case may be; and except such interest (if any) as the Committee on the Bill may, according to the circumstances of the case, think fit to allow, subject always to the following conditions:—

- That the rate of interest allowed by the Committee do not in any case exceed four per centum per annum;
- (2.) That interest be allowed to be paid in respect only of the time allowed by the Bill for the completion of the Railway, or such less time as the Committee think fit;
- (3.) That payment of interest be not allowed to begin until the Railway Company have deposited with the Board of Trade a statutory declaration by two of the directors and the Secretary of the Company to the effect that two-thirds at least of the share capital authorized by the Bill, in respect whereof interest may be paid, have been actually issued and accepted, and are held by shareholders, who, or whose

whose executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, are legally liable for committees on Bills.

- (4.) That interest do not accrue in favour of any Shareholder for any time during which any call on any of his shares is in arrear;
- (5.) That the aggregate amount to be so paid for interest be estimated and stated in the Bill, and be not deemed capital within Standing Order 153;
- (6.) That notice of the Company having power so to pay interest be given in every prospectus, advertisement, or other document of the Company inviting subscriptions for shares, and in every certificate of shares; and
- (7.) That the half-yearly accounts of the Company do show the amount on which, and the rate at which, interest has been paid;

and the Company may be authorized by the Bill to pay interest accordingly, but not further or otherwise, and the Committee on the Bill shall report to the House whether or not they have allowed such interest.

168. A clause shall be inserted in every clause as to Railway Bill, by which any money is authorized to be paid to be raised, prohibiting the Company from Capital. paying, out of such money, the Deposits required

by the Standing Orders to be made for the purposes of any application to Parliament for a Bill for the construction of another Railway.

Application of Standing Orders 145a and 158 to 168, inclusive.

168a. The foregoing Orders, No. 145a, and Nos. 158 to 168, inclusive, shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to Subways, Subway Companies, and Subway Bills, and to Tramroads, Tramroad Companies, and Tramroad Bills.

168b. The following clause shall be inserted Clause as to Railway not all Railway Bills passing through this to be exempt in from any General Act. House :-

> Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway by this or the said recited Acts authorized to be made from the provisions of any General Act relating to Railways now in force, or which may hereafter pass during this or any future Session of Parliament, or from any future revision and alteration, under the authority of Parliament, of the maximum rates of fares and charges authorized by this Act for by the said recited Acts].

#### Tramroad Bills.

Application of Railway and Canal Traffic Act. roads.

168c. In every Bill for the construction of a Tramroad of Railway gauge, and intended to &c. to Tram- communicate with a Railway, a clause shall be inserted that the provisions of "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1854," and of "The Railway and Canal Traffic Acts, 1873 and 1888,"

shall apply to the Company as if they were a Railway or Canal Company, and to the Tramroad Committees to be authorized by the Act as if such Tramroad were a Railway or Canal.

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169. In every Tramroad Bill the length of Length of so much of any Tramroad as is to be constructed along Street along any street or road, or upon any street or be stated. road, or upon any waste or open ground by the side of any street or road, shall be set forth in miles, furlongs, chains, and links or yards, or decimals of a chain, in the clause describing the works.

170. In every Railway Bill, Tramway Bill, Length of and Subway Bill, the length of each Railway, Tramway, Tramway, and Subway be set forth in miles, to be specifurlongs, chains, and yards, or decimals of a fled in chain, in the clause describing the works, with describing the works, a statement in the case of each Tramway. whether it is a single or a double line.

### Tramway Bills.

170a. No powers shall be given to any local Restriction authority to construct, acquire, take on lease, for conor work any Tramway, or portion of Tramway, acquisition, beyond the limits of their district, unless such or taking on lease of Tramway or portion of Tramway is in con-Tramway nection with the Tramway belonging to or Authority. authorized to be constructed, acquired, or worked by the local authority, and unless the Committee on the Bill shall determine that,

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having regard to the special local circumstances, such construction, acquisition, taking on lease, or working ought to be sanctioned.

In every case in which the Committee shall so determine, they shall specify what portion of the Tramway will be situate beyond the district of the local authority to which the power of construction, acquisition, or taking on lease is given, and shall insert a clause for the protection of the local authority of the district in which such Tramway or portion of Tramway will be situate in the terms, mutatis mutandis, of Section 43 of "The Tramways Act, 1870," except that the Committee may, if they think fit, in the special circumstances of the case, substitute a period not exceeding forty-two years for the period of twenty-one years mentioned in that section.

Running powers in Tramway Bills.

171. Where a local authority are empowered to work any Tramways belonging to, or authorized to be constructed or acquired by them, the Committee on the Bill may, if they think fit under the special circumstances of the case, empower the local authority to enter into agreements for running powers over any Tramways in connection with the Tramways so worked or to be worked by them, and such running powers shall be deemed to be a purpose of "The Public Health Act, 1875," and the expenses of the exercise of such powers shall, in the event of deficiency in the Tramway

account, be defrayed out of a local rate, as Proceeddefined by "The Tramways Act, 1870." committees Provided that in any such case the Committee on the Bill shall make provision:-

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- (1.) That no such agreement shall have effect until approved by the Board of Trade:
- (2.) That all enactments, bye-laws, and regulations relating to the use of or the running of carriages upon the Tramways, and the taking of tolls and charges therefor, shall, so far as applicable, extend and apply, mutatis mutandis, to, and shall be observed by, the local authority exercising such running powers;
- (3.) That such running powers shall in no case be exclusive, and shall cease unconditionally at the expiration of seven years from the date of the agreement;
- (4.) That further agreements for the exercise of such running powers may be made from time to time with the approval of the Board of Trade for any period not exceeding seven years, provided that such powers shall cease unconditionally at the expiration of the period for which the same are given;
- (5.) That all questions in dispute as to the construction of or arising in consequence of such agreements shall be determined by arbitration.

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And the Committee shall report the circumings of Committees stances specially to The House.

#### Local Government.

Estimates.

172. In the case of all Bills whereby any Municipal Corporation, District Council, Joint Board, or Joint Committee, or other local authority in England or Wales, are authorized to borrow money for any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Trade or the Local Government Board, estimates showing the proposed application of the money for permanent works shall (except so far as the exercise of the borrowing power is made subject to the sanction of the respective Board) be recited in the Bill as introduced into Parliament, and proved before the Select Committee to which the Bill is referred.

Copies of the estimates and statements deposited in accordance with Standing Order 36a or under General Order made in pursuance of "The Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act. 1899," shall be laid before the Committee for the purposes of this Order.

Bills relating to Local Government in Ireland.

173. Whenever by any Bill application is made by or on behalf of any Urban District Council, or Town or other Commissioners in Ireland for any new powers, or for any increased or additional powers, the Promoters shall be required to obtain a certificate under the seal of the Local Government Board of Ireland, setting forth whether such application is made with or without the sanction and

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approval of the said Local Government Board which certificate shall be produced before the Committees Committee to whom the Bill is referred, and shall be reported upon by the said Committee.

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173a. In the case of any Bill promoted by Committee to consider or conferring powers on a Municipal Corpora- and report tion or Local Board, Improvement Commis- in reference sioners, Town Commissioners, or other local to various matters authority or public body having powers of affecting Local Golocal government or rating, the Committee vernment or Rating, on the Bill shall consider the clauses of the Bill with reference to the following matters:-

- (a) Whether the Bill gives powers relating to Police, Sanitary or other Local Government Regulations in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of, the provisions or powers of the general law;
- (b) Whether the Bill gives powers which may be obtained by means of byelaws made subject to the restrictions of General Acts already existing;
- (c) Whether the Bill assigns a period for repayment of any loan or for the redemption of any charge or debt, under the Bill exceeding the term of sixty years, which term the Committee shall not in any case allow to be exceeded, or any period disproportionate to the duration of the works to be executed, or other objects of the loan, charge, or debt;
- (d) Whether the Bill gives borrowing powers for purposes for which such powers 276 already

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And the Committee shall report specially to The House—

In what manner any clauses relating to the several matters aforesaid have been dealt with by the Committee; and

Whether any Report from any Government Department relative to the Bill has been referred to the Committee; and

If so, in what manner the recommendations in that Report have been dealt with by the Committee; and

Any other circumstances of which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that The House should be informed:

And the Report of the Committee shall be printed.

## Agreements.

Agreement to be annexed to Bill. 174. Where it is sought by any Bill to give Parliamentary sanction to any Agreement, such Agreement shall be annexed to the Bill as a Schedule thereto, and shall be printed in extenso therewith.

#### Letters Patent

Copy of Letters Patent to be annexed to the Bill. 175. When any Bill shall be brought into The House for restoring any Letters Patent, there shall be a true copy of such Letters Patent annexed to the Bill, and the total amount

amount of fees (including the prescribed fee for Proceedenlargement under Section 17 of "The Patents, committees and Designs Act, 1907"), due and to become due on the patent, shall be deposited with the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, before the meeting of the Committee on the Bill, and such deposit proved before the Committee

on Bills.

#### Charitable or Educational Institutions.

175a. Notice in writing of any Bill relating Report of to England or Ireland, and containing pro-Attorney visions whereby any application of the property case of Bill affecting of any charity not authorized by the Lands any charity Clauses Consolidation Acts, shall be directed, tional foundation or the patronage or the constitution of any in England charity, or the right of any charity to any or Ireland. property, shall be effected, or setting up or taking power to set up or to take over or interfere in the management of any school or other educational foundation or institution, or to levy any rate or raise money for any such purpose, shall be given to the Attorney General for England or Ireland, as the case may be, and no such Bill shall be taken into consideration by the Committee on the Bill until the House has received a report from the Attorney General on such Bill, and such report shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill, but this Standing Order shall not apply to a Bill for confirming a Provisional Order.

### Inclosure and Drainage Bills.

176. In the case of any Bill for inclosing Notices and Lands, the Committee may admit proof of the

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Notices required by the Standing Orders, and of the Allegations in the Preamble of such Bill, by Affidavit taken and authenticated, according to the form prescribed in the Schedule to the General Inclosure Act (41 Geo. 3, c. 109), unless such Committee shall otherwise order.

Inclosure Bills.

177. The Committee on every Bill for inclosing Lands shall in the first place require the Agent for the same to deliver in to the Committee a printed copy of the Bill, signed by the Lord of the Manor (in cases where the Lord of the Manor has any interest as such in the lands to be inclosed), and by such Owners of Property within the parish to which the Bill relates as shall have assented thereto: but the parties, if they shall think fit, shall be permitted to deliver in different copies of the Bill. separately signed by the several parties hereinbefore mentioned, instead of one copy signed by all of them collectively; together with a List of all the Owners of Property within such parish, showing the value according to the Poor Rate or Land Tax Assessment of each Owner's property therein, and distinguishing which of them have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect thereto.

Drainage Bills. 178. The Committee on every Bill for draining Lands shall in the first place require the Agent for the same to deliver in to the Committee a printed copy of the Bill, signed by such Owners and Occupiers of Property within the drainage district to which the Bill relates

as shall have assented thereto; but the parties, if they shall think fit, shall be permitted to deliver Committees in different copies of the Bill, separately signed by the several Parties hereinbefore mentioned, instead of one copy signed by all of them collectively; together with a List of all the Owners of Property within such district, showing the value according to the Poor Rate or Land Tax Assessment of each Owner's property therein, or the extent in acres, roods, and perches, and distinguishing which of them have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect thereto.

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179. In every Bill for inclosing Lands, Clause for provision shall be made for leaving an open Open Space space in the most appropriate situation, sufficient and Recreafor purposes of exercise and recreation of the tion. neighbouring population; and the Committee on the Bill shall have before them the number of acres proposed to be inclosed, as also of the population in the parishes or places in which the land to be inclosed is situate: and also shall see that provision is made for the efficient fencing of the allotment, for the investment of the same in the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish in which such open space is reserved, and for the efficient making and permanent maintenance of the fences by such parish; and in any case where the information hereby required is not given, and the required provisions are not made in the Bill, the Committee on the same shall report specially to The House the Reasons for not complying with such Order.

180. In every Bill for inclosing Lands, the

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to contain Names of Commissioners. &c.

names of the Commissioners proposed to be appointed, and the Compensation intended for Consent Bill the Lord of the Manor, and the Owners of Tithes, in lieu of their respective Rights, and also the Compensation intended to be made for the enfranchisement of Copyholds, where any Bargains or Agreements have been made for such compensations, shall be inserted in the copy of the Bill presented to The House; And all copies of such Bills which shall be sent to any of the persons interested in the said Manor, Tithes, Lands or Commons, for their consent, shall contain the Names of such proposed Commissioners, and also the Compensations so bargained or agreed for.

Disqualification of sons as Commissioners, Surveyors, &c.

181. No Person shall be named in any Bill certain Per- for inclosing Lands as a Commissioner, Umpire, Surveyor, or Valuer, who shall be interested in the Inclosure to be made by virtue of such Bill; or the Agent ordinarily intrusted with the care. superintendence or management of the Estate of any person so interested.

Provisions for settling Pay of Commissioners.

182. In every Bill for inclosing, draining or improving Lands, there shall be inserted a clause, providing what sum of Money in the whole, or by the day, shall be paid to each of the Commissioners to be appointed by such Bill, in satisfaction of the expense and trouble which he shall incur in the execution of the powers thereby given; and also a clause, providing that the Account of such Commissioner or Commissioners, containing a true statement

of all sums by him or them received and expended or due to him or them for their own committees trouble or expenses, shall, at least once in every year, from the date of the passing of the Act till such Accounts shall be finally allowed, together with the Vouchers relating to the same, be examined by some person or persons to be appointed by the Bill, and the Balance by him or them stated in the Book of Accounts required to be kept in the Office of the Clerk of such Commissioners: and that no charge or item in such Accounts shall be binding on the parties concerned, or be valid in law, unless the same shall be duly allowed by such person or persons.

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#### Inclosures.

183. Whenever a Private Bill contains any committee provisions relating to the Inclosure of Land, on any Private Bill which might be comprised in a Provisional containing provisions Order, under the Acts for the Inclosure and relating to Improvement of Land, the Committee to make sure of Land in certain a Special Report thereon to The House.

cases to make a Special Report.

### Houses of the Working Classes in Scotland or Ireland.

184. In the case of every Bill which gives, Provisions with respect revives, or extends power to take land in to Houses Ireland compulsorily or Scotland or agreement, clauses shall be inserted :-

by working Class in Scotland or

(1.) Providing that the Promoters shall Ireland. not, in the exercise of such power, purchase or acquire, in any local area any house or houses, occupied either wholly or partially by thirty or more persons belonging to

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- (a) They shall have obtained the approval of the Central Authority to a scheme for providing new dwellings for the persons residing in such houses, or for such number or proportion of such persons as the Central Authority shall, after inquiry, deem necessary, having regard to the number of persons residing in the houses liable to be taken and working within one mile therefrom, and to the amount of vacant suitable accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood of the houses liable to be taken, or to the place of employment of such persons, and all the other circumstances of the case; and
- (b) They shall have given security to the satisfaction of the Central Authority for the carrying out of the scheme;
- (2.) Imposing adequate penalties on the Promoters in the event of houses being acquired or appropriated for the purposes of the Bill in contravention of the foregoing provisions;
- (3.) Providing that the expenses or any part of the expenses incurred by the Central Authority under this Order shall be defrayed by the Promoters of the Bill, or out of moneys to be raised under the Bill; and
- (4.) Conferring on the Promoters and on the Central Authority respectively any powers that may be necessary to enable full effect to be given to the said scheme.

Expressions defined in Order 38 have the Proceedsame meanings in this Order.

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## Accommodation for Workmen.

184a. In the case of every Bill authorising Provision the construction of works outside the county of of accom-London or any municipal borough the Com- for workmittee to which the Bill is referred shall take works. this Order into their consideration, and if they are of opinion that such a number of workmen will probably be simultaneously employed upon the works as having regard to the nature and situation of the works to make such an inquiry desirable, they shall inquire into the question of the sufficiency of the accommodation and service available or proposed by the promoters to be provided under the Bill-

- (1) for the proper housing and sanitary requirements of persons employed in constructing the works authorised by the Bill;
- (2) for the treatment of cases of sickness or accident, including accommodation for dealing with infectious disease;

and if they think that further accommodation or service for those purposes ought to be provided they shall insert in the Bill such clauses as in their opinion are necessary to secure the provision of satisfactory accommodation or service for those purposes by the local authority, company, or person authorised to execute the works.

## Water.

185. In the case of every Bill whereby it is Compenproposed to impound or abstract the whole or water.

Proceedings of Committees on Bills. any part of the water of any river or stream, the Committee on the Bill shall inquire into the expediency of making provision, so far as may be practicable, for giving a flow of water in compensation for the water so impounded or abstracted, and that the whole or a minimum amount of such compensation water shall be given in a continuous flow throughout the twenty-four hours of every day, and shall report to The House accordingly.

### Turnpike Roads (Ireland).

Clause for Qualification of Commissioners.

186. In every Bill for making a Turnpike Road in Ireland, or for the continuing or amending any Act passed for that purpose, or for the increase or alteration of the existing Tolls, Rates or Duties upon any such Road, or for widening or diverting any such Road, a clause shall be inserted, to prevent any person who shall be nominated a Commissioner from acting or voting in the business of the said Turnpike, unless he shall be possessed of an Estate in Land, or of a Personal Estate, to such certain value as shall be specified in such Bills: and such Qualification shall be extended to the Heirs apparent of persons possessed of an Estate in Land to a certain value to be specified.

# Burial Grounds, Cemeteries, Gas Works, and Electricity.

Clause for defining limits of Cemetery, Burial Ground or Gas Works, 187. In every Bill for making or constructing Gas Works or Sewage Works, or Works for the manufacture or conversion of the residual products of Gas or Sewage, or for making

making or constructing, altering, or enlarging Proceedany Sewage Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Committees Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital for infectious disease, or station for generating electrical energy, there shall be inserted a clause defining the lands in or upon which such Gas Works, Sewage Works, Farm, Cemetery, Burial Ground, Crematorium, Destructor, Hospital, or Generating Station may be made or constructed.

ings of on Bills.

188. In every Bill by which an existing Gas or Water Gas or Water Company is authorized to raise (Additional additional Capital, provision shall be made for Capital). the offer of such capital by public auction or tender at the best price which can be obtained, unless the Committee on the Bill shall report that such provision ought not to be required with the reasons on which their opinion is founded.

In the case of every such Gas Bill, it shall be competent to the Committee so to regulate the price of the Gas to be charged to consumers that any reduction of an authorized standard price shall entitle the Company to make a proportionate increase of the authorized dividend, and that any increase above the standard price shall involve a proportionate decrease of dividend.

#### Estate Bills.

188a. In the case of any Estate Bill, the Committee Committee on the Bill shall report specially to Bills to The House if the Bill contains provisions ex- report specially in certending either the term or the area of any tain cases. Settlement of Land, and the Report of the Committee shall be printed.

[Private Business.]

Proceedings of Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Committee on Divorce Bills.

PROCEEDINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE BILLS.

189. There shall be a Committee, to be designated "The Select Committee on Divorce Bills," to consist of *Nine* Members, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every Session, of whom *Three* shall be a Quorum.

Evidence to be given in Divorce Cases. 190. The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall require evidence to be given before them that an action for damages has been brought in one of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, or in one of His Majesty's Courts of Record in Dublin, or in one of His Majesty's Supreme Courts of Judicature of the Presidencies of Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, or the Island of Ceylon, respectively, against the persons supposed to have been guilty of Adultery, and judgment for the Plaintiff had thereupou; or sufficient cause to be shown to the satisfaction of the said Committee why such action was not brought, or such judgment was not obtained.

Petitioner for Bill to attend Committee.

191. The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall, in all cases in which the Petitioner for the Bill has attended the House of Lords upon the Second Reading of the Bill, require him to attend before them to answer any questions they may think fit that he should answer.

Committee to report Bill in all cases. 192. The Select Committee on Divorce Bills shall report every such Bill to The House, whether such Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several clauses, or any of them.

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House with regard to Private Bills.

193. No Private Bill shall be brought into Petition for this House but upon a Petition, which shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, with a printed copy of the proposed Bill annexed. And such Petition shall be signed by the parties, or some of them, who are Suitors for the Bill.

193a. No Bill originating in this House First Readfor confirming a Provisional Order or Provi-visional sional Certificate shall be read the First Time Order Bills. after Whitsuntide.

194. All Bills promoted by the London procedure in case of County Council, containing power to raise Bills promoney, by the creation of stock or on loan, moted by the London shall be introduced as Public Bills; but after County Council. being read a Second Time by The House, shall be referred to a Select Committee to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, in like manner as Private Bills.

But this Order shall not apply to a Bill promoted by the London County Council for the borrowing of money, which complies with the following conditions:

(1.) If it authorizes the borrowing and expenditure for the purposes mentioned in

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Provided that the Bill may authorize the borrowing and expenditure for any purpose for which estimates are not recited in the Preamble, if it fixes a maximum aggregate sum to be so borrowed, and requires every such borrowing to be sanctioned by the Local Government Board:

- (2.) If it is so framed as not to authorize the borrowing and expenditure of any money after the financial period, that is to say, the period ending on the 30th day of September next after the expiration of the then current financial year of the Council;
- (3.) If it is so framed as to provide for the money borrowed being repaid, whether by the creation of a sinking fund, or the redemption of stock, or otherwise, within the period fixed by the Bill, or if the borrowing is sanctioned by the Local Government Board fixed by that Board, and the Committee or Board in fixing the period for the repayment of money borrowed for any work shall not fix any period which is in their opinion disproportionate to the duration of such work, and shall in

no case fix a period exceeding that pre- Practice scribed by any public Act relating thereto, The House. or if no period is so prescribed exceeding sixty years:

(4.) If in the case of any Bill conferring or extending any power involving the expenditure of money after the financial period, the recited estimates show the total amount of money required for the execution of the power as well as the particular amount to be borrowed and expended during the financial period.

194a. Where any Act has conferred upon London the London County Council any power involving County the expenditure of money for any purpose after Money Bills. the then current financial period, or has extended any such power, it shall not be competent for the Committee on any Bill authorizing the borrowing and expenditure of money for the same purpose during a subsequent financial period, except in pursuance of an express instruction from The House, to reduce the total amount of money shown by the estimates recited in such Act to be required for the execution of the power.

194b. A Bill complying with the conditions Regulation specified in Standing Order 194, if it contains don County no powers or provisions except in relation to Bills. and consequential on the borrowing and expenditure of money, or in relation to the Consolidated Loans Fund, or to borrowing by the 276

Practice Council, shall be subject to the following The House. requirements, that is to say:—

- (1.) The Petition for the Bill, with the declaration and printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 14th day of April, or the first day on which The House shall re-assemble after the Easter Recess, whichever shall be the later, instead of the 17th day of December in the previous year;
- (2.) Notice of such Bill shall be published in the months of *February* and *March*, or either of them, instead of in the months of *October* and *November* in the previous year;
- (3.) Copies of the Bill shall be deposited with the Treasury and the Local Government Board on or before the day on which the Petition for the Bill is deposited in the Private Bill Office;
- (4.) The Bill shall, as soon as may be after the deposit of the Petition, be presented for first reading, and shall, after the first reading, be referred to the Examiner, who shall give two clear days' notice at the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for the examination thereof, and the Bill shall not be read a second time until the Examiner has reported whether the preceding requirements of this Order have been complied with;

(5.) Whenever

(5.) Whenever the Bill is amended at Practice any stage, a copy of the Bill as so amended The House. shall be forthwith deposited with the Treasury and the Local Government Board:

(6.) The Tables accompanying the Bill, as required by Section 12 of "The Metro- 38 & 39 Vict. " politan Board of Works Loans Act. e. 65. " 1875," shall be made up to the 31st day of March preceding the last day allowed for the deposit of the Bill, and if printed copies of those Tables have been deposited in the Private Bill Office, and at the Vote Office, and with the Treasury and Local Government Board, at least one clear day before the Second Reading of the Bill, it shall be sufficient if those Tables are prefixed to the Bill as brought up for Second Reading in this House.

194c. No Bill promoted by the London Report from County Council shall authorize any alteration Treasury on certain Lonof the mode of dealing with the Consolidated don County Loans Fund, or of borrowing by the Council, Bills. unless a Report of the Treasury on the proposed alteration is presented to The House referred to the Committee on the Bill. Committee shall consider the Report, and may, if they think fit, hear the officers of the Treasurv. If the Committee disagree with the Report, they shall report the fact to The House, with the reasons of their disagreement.

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Reports from Public Departments on London County Council Bills.

194d. In the case of any Bill promoted by The House, the London County Council authorizing the borrowing and expenditure of money, if there is presented to The House and referred to the Committee on the Bill a Report from the Local Government Board or Treasury with respect to the Bill or to the borrowing by the County Council and the management of the Consolidated Loans Fund during the previous financial year, the Committee shall report specially to The House in what manner the matters contained in such Report have been dealt with by the Committee, and any circumstances arising out of such Report which, in the opinion of the Committee, it is desirable that The House should be informed of. If no such Report is referred to the Committee, the Committee shall report the fact to The House.

Estimates recited in London County Council Bills.

194e. The estimates recited in any Bill promoted by the London County Council shall be supported by such plans and specifications as the Committee think proper.

Deposit of Private Bills.

195. All Private Bills shall on the previous to the day fixed for their being laid upon the Table of The House be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and shall be laid by one of the Clerks of that office on the Table of The House, together with a list of such Bills.

Presentation of Private Bills.

196. Where the Examiner has endorsed the Petition for a Private Bill "Standing Orders complied with," the Bill shall be presented by being laid on the Table of The House not later than one clear day after such endorsement, or if when

when it is endorsed The House is not sitting, then not later than one clear day after the first The House. sitting thereof subsequent to such endorsement, and if The House is not sitting on the latest day on which the Bill ought to be laid on the Table of The House, then the Bill shall be so laid on the first day on which The House again sits.

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Where the Examiner has reported with respect to any Private Bill that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, and the Report has been referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, and the Select Committee on Standing Orders have reported that the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, the Bill shall be presented by being laid on the Table of The House not later than one clear day after The House has given leave to the parties to proceed with the Bill.

197. A Private Bill shall, when laid on the Bill deemed Table of The House, be deemed to have been First Time. read a First Time and ordered to be read a Second Time, on the day on which it is so laid, and shall be recorded in the Votes as having been so read.

198. No Petition for additional provision in Petition for any Private Bill will be received by this House, Additional Provision. unless a printed Copy of the proposed clauses be annexed thereto.

199. All Reports of the Examiner of Peti-Reports of tions for Private Bills, in which he shall report be referred that the Standing Orders have not been com- to Com-mittee on plied with, and all Special Reports of the said Standing Orders.

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Examiner, shall be referred to the Select The House. Committee on Standing Orders.

Petitions for Dispensation, &c. to be referred to Committee on Standing Orders.

200. All Petitions praying that any of the Sessional or Standing Orders of The House relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, and all Petitions for the re-insertion of Petitions for Private Bills in the General List of Petitions, and all Petitions opposing the same, shall be presented to this House by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office; and every such Petition, so deposited, shall stand referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

When Standing Orders applicable to Public Bill are not complied with Order of the Day relating to the Bill discharged.

200a. Where a Public Bill (not being a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order or Certificate) is ordered to be read a Second Time, on a day appointed, and it appears that the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills may be applicable to the Bill, the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills shall examine the Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders, and shall proceed and report forthwith, and the Order of the Day relating to the Bill shall not be affected thereby; but if the Examiner report that any Standing Order applicable to the Bill has not been complied with, and the Select Committee on Standing Orders report that such Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with, the Order of the Day relating to the Bill shall be discharged.

Printed Bill to be presented.

201. Every Private Bill, printed on paper, of a size to be determined upon by Mr. Speaker, shall be presented to The House, with a Cover of Parchment attached to it, upon which the Title of the Bill is to be written: and the Short Practice Title of the Bill, as first entered on the Votes, The House. shall correspond with that at the head of the Advertisement.

202. All Charges in any way affecting the All charge Public Revenue, which occur in the clauses the Public of any Private Bill, shall be printed in italics be inserted in such Bill when presented to The House.

in Italics.

203. Every Private Bill (except Name Bills) Printed shall be printed; and printed copies thereof Bills to be delivered to the Vote Office for the use of the Vote Office. Members before the First Reading.

204. There shall not be less than Three Time between First clear Days, nor more than Seven, between the and Second First and Second Reading of any Private Bill, Reading. or any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, except in the case of Private Bills which have been brought from the Lords and have been referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, in which case such Bill shall not be read a Second Time later than Seven clear days after the Report of the Examiner, or of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, as the case may be.

205. Every Petition in favour of or against Petition any Private Bill, or any Bill to confirm any Bills to be Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate presented to before The House, or otherwise relating thereto being depo-(not being a Petition for additional provision), Private Bill shall be presented to this House, by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and there shall be indorsed thereon the name or short

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title by which such Bill is entered in the The House. Votes, and a Statement that such Petition is in favour of or against the Bill, or otherwise as the case may be, together with the name of the Member, Party or Agent depositing the same.

Petitions or Memorials may be withdrawn.

206. Any Petitioner or Memorialist may withdraw his Petition or Memorial, on a requisition to that effect being deposited in the Private Bill Office, signed by him or by the Agent who deposited such Petition or Memorial; and where any such Petition or Memorial is signed by more than one person, any person signing such Petition or Memorial may withdraw his opposition by a similar requisition, signed and deposited as aforesaid.

Second or Third Reading to be postnoned when opposed.

207. In cases where the Second or Third Reading of a Private Bill, or the consideration of a Bill as amended by the Committee, or any proposed Clause or Amendment, or any Motion relating to a Private Bill, is opposed, the same shall be postponed until the day on which The House shall next sit.

Provided that any opposed Private Business set down at a quarter past eight may be arranged in such order as the Chairman of Ways and Means may determine.

Where any such Opposed Private Business is set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, and is disposed of, any Motion contingent directly or otherwise thereon may, with the assent of the Chair, be considered and disposed of at the same sitting.

208. Every

208. Every Private Bill, not being a Rail- Practice way, Canal, or Divorce Bill, after having been The House. read a Second Time and committed, shall stand Private Bills referred to the Committee of Selection: and if a referred to Railway or Canal Bill, to the General Committee of Selection on Railway and Canal Bills; and if a Divorce Committee Bill, to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills.

Provided that a Bill which is referred to Bills, and Divorce. the Examiners after Second Reading shall not be committed until the Examiners have reported that any Standing Orders not previously inquired into are not applicable thereto, or that any such Standing Orders as may be applicable have been complied with, or the Standing Orders not having been complied with, the Select Committee on Standing Orders have resolved that such Standing Orders should be dispensed with, and the House has agreed with the Select Committee in such Resolution.

208a. Every Bill for confirming Provisional Provisional Orders or Provisional Certificates shall, after to stand the Second Reading, stand referred to the Committee Committee of Selection, or to the General Com- of Selection, or General mittee on Railway and Caual Bills, as the case Committee. may require, and be subject to the Standing Orders regulating the proceedings upon Private Bills, so far as they are applicable: Provided that, when any Order or Certificate contained in any such Bill is opposed, the Committee to whom such opposed Order or Certificate is referred shall consider all the Orders or Certificates comprised in such Bill, and may, if they think fit, divide the Bill into two Bills, dealing with the

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opposed and unopposed Orders or Certificates The House. respectively, and report the same separately.

Unopposed Bills when treated as opposed to be again referred to Committee of Selection or General Committee. (S.O. 83.)

209. When The House shall have been informed by the Chairman of Ways and Means, that in his opinion any Unopposed Private Bill should be treated as an Opposed Bill, such Bill shall be again referred to the Committee of Selection; or in the case of a Railway or Canal Bill, to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills

Petition against Bill to stand referred to Committee on Bill, &c.

210. Every Petition against a Private Bill which shall have been deposited in the Private Bill Office within the required time, and every Petition against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, which shall have been deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Seven clear days after notice shall have been given of the day on which the Bill will be examined, or which shall have been otherwise deposited in accordance with the Standing Orders of The House, and in which the Petitioners shall have prayed to be heard, by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, shall stand referred to the Committee on such Bill, and such Petitioners, subject to the Rules and Orders of 'The House, shall be heard upon their Petition accordingly, if they think fit, and Counsel heard, in favour of the Bill against such Petition.

Time between Commital and Sitting of the Committee.

211. There shall be Six clear Days between the Committal of every Private Bill, and of every Bill to confirm any Provisional Order. or Provisional Certificate, and the sitting of Practice the Committee thereupon, except in the case The House. of Name Bills, Naturalization Bills, and Estate Bills (not being Bills relating to Crown, Church or Corporation Property, or property held in trust for Public or Charitable purposes), in respect of which there shall be Three clear Days between the Committal and the Committee.

212. All Reports made under the authority Reports of any Public Department upon a Private Bill, ments to or the objects thereof, laid before The House, referred to shall stand referred to the Committee on the on Bill. Bill

213. The Report upon every Private Bill Report of Bills. shall lie upon the Table; and every such Bill, if amended in Committee, or a Railway or a Tramway Bill, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table; but if not amended in Committee, and not a Railway or a Tramway Bill, it shall be ordered to be read a Third Time.

214. Every Private Bill, as amended in Printing of Committee, shall be printed at the expense of Bills. the parties applying for the same, and delivered to the Vote Office for the use of the Members, Three clear Days at least before the consideration of such Bill.

215. In the case of Private Bills ordered to Time lie upon the Table, Three clear Days shall Report and intervene between the Report and the considera-tion of Bill, tion of the Bill, and no consideration of any &c. such Bill shall take place, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall

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have informed The House, or signified in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether the Bill contain the several provisions required by the Standing Orders.

Amendments not to be proposed on consideration of Bill, or on Third Reading, unless sanctioned by Chairman of Ways and Means.

216. No Clause or Amendment shall be offered in The House on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, nor any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall have informed The House, or signified in writing to Mr. Speaker, whether, in his opinion, such Clause or Amendment be such as ought or ought not to be entertained by The House, without referring the same to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Clauses and Amendments offered on consideration of Bill, or verbal Amendments on Third Reading, to be printed.

217. When any Clause or Amendment is offered on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, such Clause or Amendment shall be printed: And when any Clause is proposed to be amended, it shall be printed in extenso, with every addition or substitution in different type, and the omissions therefrom included in brackets and underlined, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall consider such printing to be unnecessary. The expense of printing such Clauses or Amendments, when offered by a party promoting or opposing a Bill, shall be paid by such party.

218. When

218. When any Clause or Amendment on Practice the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to The House. lie upon the Table, or any verbal Amendment Report of on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, shall Scleet Committee have been referred to the Select Committee on on Standing Orders on Standing Orders, no further proceeding shall be Amendhad until the Report of the said Select Committee shall have been brought up.

219. No Amendments, not being merely No Amendverbal, shall be made to any Private Bill on the cept verbal, Third Reading.

on Third Reading.

220. All Amendments made by the House Lords' of Lords to any Private Bill shall be printed ments to be at the expense of the parties, prior to such printed prior to con-Amendments being taken into consideration; sideration, and where any clause has been amended, it shall be printed in extenso, with every addition or substitution in different type, and the omissions therefrom included in brackets and underlined, unless the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means shall consider such printing to be unnecessary and when any Amendments are intended to be proposed to the Lords' Amendments, such proposed Amendments shall also be printed in like manner.

221. Every Private Bill, after it has been Bill to be read a Third time shall be printed fair, at after Third the expense of the parties applying for the Reading. same.

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Notice of Committee to inspect Lords' Journals to be given to Committee Clerks.

Bill not to proceed two stages on same day.

Notice to be given of Motion for Dispensation.

Extension of time for Petitions, &c., in case of adjournments of the House.

222. In all cases where it is intended to appoint a Committee to inspect the Journals of the House of Lords with relation to any proceedings upon any Private Bill, previous notice thereof in writing shall be given by the Agent to the Clerks in the Committee Office.

223. No Private Bill shall pass through two stages on one and the same day without the special leave of The House.

224. Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no Motion shall be made to dispense with any Sessional or Standing Order of The House without due notice thereof.

224a. When the time allowed for (a) presenting Petitions under Standing Order 128, other than Petitions required to be presented on or before the 12th day of February, or (b) for depositing Memorials under Standing Order 230 in respect of Petitions for Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office after the 17th day of December, or (c) for the Second Reading of any Bill under Standing Order 204 expires during any adjournment of the House, the time shall be extended to the first day on which the House sits after the adjournment, but this Standing Order shall not apply to an adjournment from Friday to the following Monday.

Order of Proceedings in House on Private Business. 225. Each day, so soon as 'The House shall be ready to proceed to Private Business, the Clerk at the Table shall read from the Private Business

Business List, and from the List of Bills Practice presented for First Reading (see Order 196), The House. the Titles of the several Bills set down therein. according to their precedence, as arranged under the following heads:-

- 1. Consideration of Lords' Amendments:
- 2. Third Reading;
- 3. Consideration of Bills ordered to lie upon the Table:
  - 4. Second Reading:
  - 5. First Reading:

and if upon the reading of each such Title as aforesaid, no Motion shall be made with respect to such Private Bill, the further proceedings thereon shall be adjourned until the next sitting of The House.

225a. All Bills for confirming Provisional Provisional Orders or Certificates shall be set down for Order Bills. consideration, each day, in a separate List, after the Private Business, and arranged in the same order as that prescribed by the Standing Orders for Private Bills.

226. This House will not insist on its Tolls and privileges with regard to any clauses in Private not in the Bills, or in Bills to confirm any Provisional nature of Orders or Provisional Certificates sent down from the House of Lords which refer to tolls and charges for services performed, and are not in the nature of a Tax, or which refer to rates assessed and levied by local authorities for local purposes.

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227. Registers shall be kept in the Private Bill Private Bill Office, in which shall be entered Registers. by the clerks appointed for the business of that Office the Name and Place of Residence of the Parliamentary Agent in Town, and of the Agent in the Country (if any) soliciting the Bill; and all the proceedings, from the Petition to the passing of the Bill: -Such entries to specify, briefly, each day's proceeding before the Examiners of Petitions respectively, or in the House, or in any Committee to which the Bill may be referred; the day and hour on which the Examiner or the Committee is appointed to sit; the day and hour to which the proceedings before such Examiners or Committee may be adjourned, and the name of the Clerk attending the same. Such Registers to be open to public inspection daily in the said Office.

228. The receipt of all Documents required Receipt of by the Standing Orders of The House to be Document deposited in the Private Bill Office shall be knowledged. acknowledged by one of the clerks of the said Office, upon the said Documents, when deposited.

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in the Private Bill Office. List of Petitions to be

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229. A List of all Petitions for Private Bills shall be kept in the Private Bill Office in the order of their deposit, according to such regulations as shall have been made by Mr. Speaker, which shall be called the "General List of Petitions," and each Petition therein shall be numbered.

Memorials, when to be deposited. 230. All Memorials complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, in reference to Petitions for Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before the 17th December, shall be deposited as follows:—

If the same relate to Petitions for Bills numbered in the General List of Petitions

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 $\begin{array}{c} 1 \text{ to } 100 \\ 101 \text{ to } 200 \\ 201 \text{ and upwards} \end{array} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{They shall be} \\ \text{deposited on} \\ \text{or before} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{Jan. 9th.} \\ \text{, 16th.} \\ \text{, 23rd.} \end{array} \right.$ 

And in the case of any Petitions for Bills which may be deposited by leave of The House after the 17th *December*, such Memorials shall be deposited *Three* clear Days before the day first appointed for the examination of the Petition.

Deposit of Memorials and Copies thereof in Private Bill Office. 231. All Memorials shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office before Six of the clock in the evening of any day on which The House shall sit, and between Eleven and One of the clock on any day on which The House shall not sit, and Two copies of every such Memorial

shall be deposited for the use of the Examiners Practice before Twelve of the clock on the following day.

in the PrivateBill Office.

232. Every Memorial complaining of non-Time for compliance with the Standing Orders of The Memorials House in reference to Petitions for additional in certain provision in Private Bills, to Bills brought from the House of Lords and to Bills introduced by leave of this House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and to Bills for confirming any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, together with Two Copies thereof, before Twelve o'clock on the day preceding that appointed for the examination of any such Petition or Bill by the Examiner; and the Examiner shall be at liberty to entertain such Memorial, although the party (if any) who may be specially affected by the non-compliance with the Standing Orders shall not have signed the same.

233. Every Private Bill, after it has been Custody of read the First Time, shall be in the custody of Bills. the Clerks of the Private Bill Office, until laid upon the Table for the Second Reading; and when committed, shall be taken by the proper Committee Clerk into his charge till reported.

234. Between the First and Second Reading Examinaof every Private Bill, the Bill shall be examined, with all practicable despatch, by the Clerks of the Private Bill Office, as to its conformity with the Rules and Standing Orders of The House.

Practice in the Private Bill Office. Notice of Second Reading. 235. Three clear Days' Notice in writing shall be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the Second Reading of every Private Bill; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which the Bill has been ordered to be read a Second Time.

Notice of Committee.

236. Four clear Days' Notice in the case of Opposed Bills, and One clear Day's Notice in the case of Unopposed and Re-committed Bills, shall be given to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office by the Clerk to the Committee of Selection, or by the Clerk to the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, with regard to all Bills referred to either of the said Committees, and, with regard to Bills not referred to either of the said Committees, by the Clerk to the Committee to which any such Bill is either referred or re-committed, of the day and hour appointed for the first meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill, and Notice shall be given in like manner of the postponement of the first meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill on the day on which such postponement is made.

Filled-up Bill to be deposited in Private Bill Office. 237. A filled-up Bill, signed by the Agent for the Bill, as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on the Bill, and in the case of a recommitted Bill, a filled-up Bill, as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on re-committal, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office,

Two clear Days before the meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill; and a copy of the proposed Amendments shall be furnished by the Bill Office. Promoters to such parties petitioning against the Bill as shall apply for it, One clear Day before the meeting of the Committee.

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- 238. Notice, in writing, shall be given by Notice of the Committee Clerk to the Clerks in the Pri- Madjournvate Bill Office, of the day and hour to which each Committee is adjourned.
- 239. One clear Day's Notice, in writing, Notice of shall be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the tion of Bill. Clerks in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the consideration of every Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table.
- 240. The Committee Clerk, after the Report Bill as is made out, shall deliver in to the Private Bill Committee Office a printed copy of the Bill, with the delivered in. written Amendments made in the Committee: in which Bill all the clauses added by the Committee shall be regularly marked in those parts of the Bill wherein they are to be inserted.
- 241. Every Private Bill printed as amended Bill printed in Committee, shall be examined by the Clerks to be exin the Private Bill Office, with the Bill delivered amined. in by the Committee Clerk, and the Examining Clerks shall indorse thereon a certificate of such examination.
- 242. When it is intended to bring up any Notice to clause or to propose any Amendment on the Clauses &c. consideration on consider-S 4

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Private Bills sent to the Lords to be indorsed with Certificate of Examination.

245. Every Private Bill, after it has been printed fair shall, before the same is sent to the Lords, be examined by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office with the Bill as read a Third Time; and the Examining Clerks shall indorse the even a certificate of such examination.

246. When Amendments made by the House Practice of Lords to any Private Bill are to be taken into consideration, One clear Day's Notice shall be given thereof in the Private Bill Office, and Notice of consideraif any Amendments be intended to be proposed tion of Lords, thereto, a copy of such Amendments shall also Amendbe deposited, and Notice given thereof, One clear Day previous to the same being proposed to be taken into consideration; and no such Notice shall be given until the day after that on which such Bill shall have been returned from the House of Lords.

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247. All Notices required to be given or Time for Deposits to be made in the Private Bill Office Notices. shall be delivered in the said Office before Six of the clock in the Evening of any day on which The House shall sit, and between Eleven and One of the clock on any day on which The House shall not sit; and after any day on which The House shall have adjourned beyond the following day, no Notice shall be given for the first day on which it shall again sit.

248. The Clerks in the Private Bill Office Daily List shall prepare, daily, Lists of all Private Bills, and of Committees sitting. Petitions for Private Bills upon which any Committee or Examiner is appointed to sit; specifying the hour of meeting, and the Room where the Committee or Examiner shall sit; and the same shall be hung up in the Lobby of the House.

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Plans to be
verified as
Mr. Speaker
shall direct.

249. Every Plan, and Book of Reference thereto, which shall be certified by The Speaker of The House of Commons, in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, shall previously be ascertained, and verified in such manner as shall be deemed most advisable by The Speaker, to be exactly conformable in all respects to the Plan and Book of Reference which shall have been signed by the Chairman of the Committee upon the Bill.

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ORDERS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PRIVATE LEGISLATION PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1899.

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Orders for purposes of the Private Procedure (Scotland) Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

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The expression "the Chairman" means the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons.

The expression "Draft Order" means a Draft Provisional Order under the Procedure Act.

The expression "Substituted Bill" means a Bill promoted in lieu of a Provisional Order or part thereof which the Secretary for Scotland has refused to issue.

251. The Chairman of Committees in the Chairmen to House of Lords (if that House thinks fit so to procedure order) and the Chairman of Ways and Means in for consideration of this House shall together determine all matters draft Provisional of practice and procedure which will enable Orders. them to take into consideration Draft Provisional Orders submitted to the Secretary for Scotland under the Procedure Act.

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899.

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253. The Committee of Selection shall select and propose to the House the names of not more than 15 Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Procedure Act.

Bills originating in the House of Lords referred to Joint Committee to be deemed to have passed Committee in this House.

254. Where a Confirmation Bill originating in the House of Lords has been referred to a Joint Committee under the provisions of section 9 of the Procedure Act, that Bill shall, after being read a Second Time in this House, be deemed to have passed the stage of Committee, and be ordered to be read a Third Time.

Constitution of Joint Committee.

254a. Where, under the provisions of section 9 of the Procedure Act, a Confirmation Bill has been referred to a Joint Committee, the Committee of this House shall consist of Three Members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

Deposit of substituted Bill at public departments. 255. Where under the provisions of section 2 of the Procedure Act the Secretary for Scotland has refused to issue a Provisional Order, or part thereof, and the Petitioners for the Order desire to promote a Bill for the same objects as were sought by the Draft Provisional Order or such

part, the Promoters shall, on or before the seventh day after the notification to them of the Procedure refusal of the Secretary for Scotland to issue the Provisional Order or part, deposit a copy of the substituted Bill in every office of a public department or other office in which copies of the Draft Provisional Order were, under General Orders, made in pursuance of the Procedure Act, required to be deposited. In the case of Petitions for Provisional Orders deposited on or before the 17th day of April, which are directed to be proceeded with as Bills, the substituted Bills may be deposited on or before the ensuing 17th day of December, and all notices given, or other proceedings taken, in respect of such Petitions and substituted Bills shall be applicable to such Bills.

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256. In the case of a substituted Bill, the Proofs before Exaservice of such Notices to opponents as are miners. required by section 2 of the Procedure Act shall be proved before one of the Examiners, but where compliance with the corresponding General Order is proved it shall not be necessary to prove compliance with Standing Orders 3 to 68, and the Notices published and served, and the deposits made for the Provisional Order, or for such part, shall be held to have been published, served, and made respectively for such Bill.

257. Provisions which were contained in No provia draft Provisional Order may be omitted sions not contained in from the substituted Bill, but no provisions draft Provisional

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shall be inserted in any substituted Bill as deposited which were not contained in the Draft Provisional Order; and the Examiner shall certify whether this Order has or has not been complied with.

Deposit of substituted Bills brought from House of Lords.

258. A copy of every substituted Bill brought from the House of Lords shall, not later than two days after the Bill is read a First Time, be deposited at every office at which the Draft Order was deposited under General Örder 33 or would be required to be deposited under that Order, if the Draft Order as originally applied for had contained the same provisions as the substituted Bill so brought from the House of Lords.

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259. All Petitions deposited at the Office of the Secretary for Scotland pursuant to General Orders, in favour of or against a Draft Provisional Order shall, on transmission from the Office of the Secretary for Scotland, be received as if duly deposited in favour of or against the substituted Bill.

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Appendix.

### APPENDIX (A.)

[FORM referred to in Pages 98 and 135.]

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Sir,

We beg to inform you that Application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for "An Act" [here insert the Title of the Act], and that the Property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, Part I., or some part thereof, in which we understand you are interested as therein stated, will be liable to be taken compulsorily for the purposes of the said Undertaking [and that the Property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, Part II., in which we understand you are interested as therein stated, will be liable to have an improvement charge imposed upon it].

We also beg to inform you, that a Plan and Section of the said Undertaking, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited with the [several Clerks of the Peace or principal Sheriff Clerks, as the case may be] of the Counties of [specify the Counties in which the Property is situate], on or before the 30th November, and that copies of so much of the said Plan and Section as relates to the [Parish or other area in accordance with the terms of Standing Order 29, as the case may be] in which your Property is situate, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited for public inspection with the [Clerk, or other

other Officer in the said Order respectively mentioned, as the case may be, on or before the 30th day of November, on which Plan your Property is designated by the Numbers in the annexed Schedule.

Appendix.

As we are required to report to Parliament whether you assent to or dissent from the proposed Undertaking, or whether you are neuter in respect thereto, you will oblige us by writing your Answer of Assent, Dissent, or Neutrality in the Form left herewith, and returning the same to us with your Signature on or before the day of

if there should be any Error or Misdescription in the annexed Schedule, we shall feel obliged by your informing us thereof, at your earliest convenience, that we may correct the same without delay.

We also beg to inform you that it is intended that the Act shall provide to the effect that, notwithstanding Section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 [or Section 90 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845], you may be required to sell and convey a part only of your Property, numbered on the deposited Plans.

We are, Sir, Your most obedient servants,

To

Note.—If the Application is forwarded by Post, the words "Parliamentary Notice" are to be printed or written on the cover.

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SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Notice, describing the Property therein alluded to.	d to in the forego	ing Notice	, describing t	he Property	therein all	nded to.
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Bills from the Lords, commonly called Estate Bills, Divorce Bills, Naturalization Bills, and Name Bills, to be charged only one-half of the preceding Fees.

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That every Bill for the particular interest or benefit of any person or persons, whether the same be brought in upon Petition, or Motion, or Report from a Committee, or brought from the Lords, hath been and ought to be deemed a Private Bill within the meaning of the Table of Fees.

FEES to be taken by the SHORTHAND WRITER.

For every day he shall attend	$_2^{\pounds}$	s. 2	d.
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The preceding fees shall be charged, paid, and received at such times, in such manner, and under such regulations as The Speaker shall from time to time direct.

James to Lowther Speaker

Mercurii, 27° die Julii, 1864.

Ordered, That the said Table of Fees be a Standing Order of this House.

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Clerk of the House of Commons.

Examined.

G. C. Giffard.

Clerk of the Journals.

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